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YANK 'LONG-TOMS' SHELL CHERBOURG

Nazi Counterattacks Broken 7 Miles from Port

Under Fire of Yank Artillery: This is the harbor of Cherbourg, third largest naval port and arsenal of France, which is being shelled by American Long Toms seven miles away. An estimated 25,000 to 30,000 Nazis were trapped in this area when Allied lines cut across the Cotentin peninsula.

ALLIED SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, London, June 19 (UP).—American troops drove tonight to within seven miles of Cherbourg and their "Long-Tom" artillery began duelling with German railway guns in the port as thousands of enemy troops, falling back in disorder, crowded into Cherbourg fortress.

The precipitate advance through the west-central part of the Cherbourg Peninsula, covering 11 miles from St. Sauveurle Le Vicomte in 24 hours, split and threatened with disintegration the last enemy lines south of Cherbourg. At some points there was no resistance whatever, Henry T. Gorrell of the United Press reported, and not even rearguard batteries were being used to cover the retreat.

Driving straight for Cherbourg after crushing a second enemy attempt to break their stranglehold across its base, the Americans captured Bricquebec, seven miles above St. Sauveur, and drove four miles beyond.

Large numbers of the estimated 25,000 to 30,000 Germans trapped on the peninsula were being by-passed in the lightning drive and it was uncertain how many would be able to withdraw to Cherbourg.

Guns Hammer Port

But a last-ditch battle appeared inevitable. The Americans drove within range of Cherbourg with their 155-millimeter Long-Toms early Monday and late in the evening a roaring answering fire came from huge railway guns in the city, their shells dropping as far back as Bricquebec.

Bricquebec, although an important junction, was left almost intact in the haste of the German retreat. More than 700 prisoners fell into American hands near Barneville, where the Yanks first broke through to the west coast.

Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's Americans were also advancing on Cherbourg more slowly from the Montebourg sector southeast of the port and were nearing Valognes, 10 miles from the outskirts of the city. The Germans defending Valognes now were threatened in the rear by the advance beyond Bricquebec.

Rain and high winds provided a bleak setting for the Yanks' advance and Allied planes could not assist the ground forces by pounding enemy transport columns jamming the roads into Cherbourg. It was one of the worst spells of weather since D-Day, with gale winds of nearly 60 miles an hour whipping through the Channel.

British Gain in Bayonet Battle

The spectacular frontal advance on Cherbourg overshadowed the Yanks' consolidation and expansion of their line across the Cotentin Peninsula and the British drive back into Tilly-Sur-Seulles on the eastern sector in a bitter bayonet battle. Heavy fighting was reported along a 50-mile front from below Carentan to beyond the Orne, with little change of main positions.

With the advance beyond Bricquebec, which by-passed the town of Quottetot, the corridor bulged to a width of 16 miles and is at no point less than seven to eight miles

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GOP Ringleaders Cry 'Poor Finland' Dirge in Congress

By ADAM LAPIN

WASHINGTON, June 19.—The Republicans in Congress have rallied behind the cause of fascist Finland, and of its dashing playboy minister, Hjalmar Procope, who is now being expelled from the United States.

Sen. Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan, chairman of the Republican caucus in the Senate who is reported to be writing the foreign policy plank in the Republican platform, today paid homage to "the magnificent Finnish democracy" and to Procope as a "gallant Finnish patriot."

Vandenberg's speech in the Senate followed a statement by Rep. Harold Knutson, ranking Republican on the House Ways and Means Committee, condemning the "shabby treatment" given Hitler's fascist ally by the State Department.

PLEA FOR FINLAND

A fulsome defense of the Finnish war against the Soviet Union was inserted in the Congressional Record last week by Rep. Clare Luce of Connecticut, who will make a major speech at the Republican convention in Chicago.

Vandenberg, a very cagey politician, hedged more than Reps. Luce and Knutson, and his speech was full of doubletalk which has become characteristic of his oratorial style.

But despite all its trick phrases Vandenberg's speech was definitely a plea for sympathy with Finland.

"I cannot find it in my heart to believe that Hjalmar Procope, a gallant Finnish patriot, is guilty of anything which does not stem solely from distraught anxiety for his beleaguered homeland and from complete devotion to the harassed lifeblood of the magnificent Finnish democracy to which he has given his rich fealty," Vandenberg said.

CRACK AT USSR

He declared that he was "morally certain, in the absence of proof to the contrary, that he (Procope) has never harbored so much as one vagrant thought that was consciously hostile to our own United States, at least as an entity separate and apart from our major allies."

As an afterthought, the Michigan Senator added that this "may become an untenable discrimination in time of naked war."

Vandenberg said that it is an "anomaly" that we are not at war with Finland while the Soviet Union and Great Britain are, and then added in a crack at the Soviet Union:

"Just as it is anamolous that we and Britain should be at war with Japan while the great USSR is not."

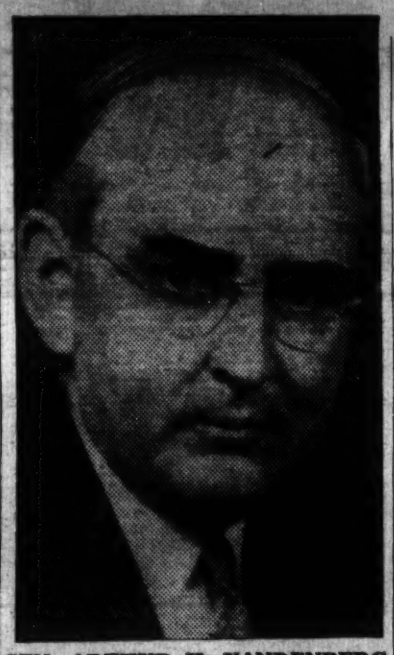
Although Vandenberg conceded that Nazi Germany's satellites 'willing or otherwise, cannot expect to escape unscathed," he expressed the "hope that the great voice and power and authority of the government of the U. S. could still intervene to compose a permanent armistice upon these unequal Finnish battle fronts."

After the war, Vandenberg said that this country should "speak out for the reincarnated postwar republic of Finland which may carry on once more in what has been and can be again one of the world's greatest adventures in proud, effective, enlightened, self - sufficient democracy."

All of which seems a roundabout way of hoping for a return of those good old days when Finland was a center of anti-Soviet intrigue and Procope, known as "Hjalmar, the dynamiter," helped to murder progressive Finnish workers.

WASHINGTON, June 19 (UP).—Secretary of State Cordell Hull told a news conference he could not, in the interests of the war effort, reveal the specific "inimical actions" which prompted the dismissal of Finnish minister Hjalmar Procope. To do so, he said, would be harmful to the war effort.

Hull said it always must be kept in mind that the pro-Nazi Finnish government is fighting on Germany's side and shaping its policy and action to suit German views. He said the conduct of the dismissed Finnish diplomat must be viewed in that light.



SEN. ARTHUR H. VANDENBERG

Navy Untangles Manpower Snag At Federal Yard

By DOROTHY LOEB

NEWARK, June 19.—The U. S. Navy stepped into the manpower tangle at Federal Shipyard & Drydock Co. today and, as a result, the area War Manpower Commission postponed for one week a penalty levied for defiance of WMC directives.

Management, hit by cutbacks in Navy destroyer escort orders, announced layoff of 1,500 from Port Newark yards in a fashion which would dismiss outright 750 women, while transferring 750 men to company Kearny yards subject to a 30-day trial period.

WMC area director George Pfaus labeled the trial a "restrictive hiring practice" and gave management until Saturday to relax it. Under Pfaus' proposal, wherever possible only men would have been affected by the cutbacks, women would have remained on their jobs at Port Newark, and transferees would resume work at Kearny (which is hiring) without insecurity in employment.

MANAGEMENT BALKS

When management failed to serve notice of acceptance or refusal of the plan by noon Saturday, U. S. Employment Service agents were withdrawn from the yards and Federal personnel officers were returned to the shipyards, almost like countries expelling diplomatic envoys.

A few hours later, Pfaus got word that management insists on the 30-day trial.

Pfaus then ordered that Federal be classified in Group B by the WMC, which means that manpower supplies would be frozen at present levels and Federal, which still seeks several thousand more workers for Kearny, would not be permitted to hire except for replacements.

The action of Federal, a subsidiary of U. S. Steel, is generally viewed as an anti-labor act. The CIO Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding workers, sole bargaining agent for both yards, is in the midst of negotiations with management for a new contract now.

At a meeting today of the Area WMC Priorities Commission, consisting of representatives of Army, Navy, War Production Board, U. S. Maritime Commission, Civil Service Commission and other government agencies, Pfaus' penalization of Federal was unanimously upheld.

At the request of the Navy representative, however, application of the freeze was delayed for a week, pending special discussions by Navy spokesmen with management.

Meanwhile, Federal appears to be going ahead blandly with the layoff and what provision may be made for return of those dropped, even if Navy discussions should reverse management policy, is not known. At WMC offices here it was assumed that certificates of availability were being given to Port Newark women and to those men who refuse transfer since the 20-day trial is required.

Plot to Set Up Fascist Cells In Army Cited

By ART SHIELDS

WASHINGTON, June 19.—Defendants in the Nazi plot trial spread seditious calls inside the armed forces and covered the country with a "blanket of propaganda" to impair soldiers' and sailors' morale, said Prosecutor O. John Rogge today.

Rogge spoke for more than an hour, as he gave his first outline of some of his evidence of the conspirators' plot against America's military and naval forces.

The prosecutor was urging Justice Eicher to reject a defense motion for the dismissal of the defendants on "free speech" grounds. The defense motion cited the Supreme Court decision of last week, reversing the conviction of a pro-Hitler pamphleteer named Elmer Hartzel, who praised der Fuehrer, denounced President Roosevelt and vilified the Jewish people.

Rogge spoke after E. Hilton Jackson, counsel to Gerald P. Winrod, had defended his client's "anti-Semitism" as merely an attack on "a limited and powerful international group within that (Jewish) race."

Other attorneys sneered at American democracy and denounced the government in the debate, which continued all day and will resume tomorrow.

The tall, blond prosecutor said the government was protecting free speech but not Hitler's conspirators.

"The defendants," said Mr. Rogge, "joined the most destructive organization the world has ever known."

EVIDENCE OF PLOT

The government, Mr. Rogge continued, "has much evidence" about the defendants' plot to "cause insubordination in the armed forces" since June 28, 1940, the date named in the indictment.

This evidence, the prosecutor went on, will show the "intent" to impair morale, which the Hertzel decision requires, and it will give the details of the Nazi conspiracy with which the 29 defendants—but not Hartzel—are charged with.

One piece of evidence, said the prosecutor, will deal with the plot to establish enemy fascist cells inside the armed forces.

Another will quote a leading defendant as boasting that:

"The anti-Eskimo (defense code term for 'Jewish') feeling certainly is growing. Army officers are talking of the purge to come—the seed we have planted in past years will grow into a big crop."

Mr. Rogge also emphasized Bund Fuehrer Kunze's "Command No. 37," issued Oct. 1, 1940, ordering Bundists to refuse military duty.

A retired army major general, George Van Horn Mosley, was a key figure in the anti-army plot, the evidence will show.

O. JOHN ROGGE

The evidence will show that members of the armed forces took part in German Bund meetings, where the war program was attacked, the prosecutor said.

TO QUOTE BOOKLET

It will present a booklet by one of the defendants (Robert Noble of California), promising advice to young men on how to escape Army service. The same booklet viciously asserted that "the lowest thing in life is to be a good soldier." Cartoons showing Uncle Sam being crucified on the war effort were sent to the armed forces.

So was a "Dear Pat" form letter, which fascist sympathizers were asked to send to soldiers. The letter told the soldier that some Jew was probably making up to his wife in his absence.

Such evidence would show criminal "intent," said Mr. Rogge. Other evidence would tie the defendants with Hitler's world-wide conspiracy.

Defense attorney's rebuttal was saturated with anti-American, anti-war propaganda.

"The defendants couldn't conspire to overthrow a democratic form of government here when there isn't such a government," sneered Attorney Ira Chase Koehne.

"We've had enough of world-wide democracy," said Attorney St. George blithely admitting that his client, Joe McWilliams, was anti-Semitic.

Justice Eicher's ruling on the motion will follow the debate's end tomorrow.

Dep't of Labor Admits CIO Living Cost Claim

WASHINGTON, June 19.—One of the knottiest disputes between organized labor and administration agencies, which has centered around the reliability of the Bureau of Labor Statistics cost of living index, seems on the road to a solution.

The CIO Executive Board asserted yesterday that the May report of BLS is a "complete vindication" of the claim of labor members of the President's Cost of Living Committee that living costs had gone up far more than the 23.5 per cent recorded by BLS.

BLS now concedes that its index "does not show the full wartime effect on the cost of living of such factors as lowered quality; disappearance of low-priced goods and forced changes in housing and eating away from home.

"It does not measure changes in total living costs—that is, in the total amount families spend for living. Income taxes and bond subscriptions are not included."

A further vindication of labor's position is expected in a report later this week from the technical staff appointed by William H. Davis, chairman of the War Labor Board and the President's Cost of Living Committee.

This staff, headed by the noted Columbia University professor, Dr. Wesley E. Mitchell, is understood to have agreed that the BLS index measures retail prices but not the actual cost of living.

Even on retail prices, the Mitchell report is expected to point to price increase of three or four per cent beyond those noted by BLS.

While not going as far as organized labor, the Mitchell report is said to sustain labor's contention that the Little Steel Formula does not take into account recent rises in the cost of living.

Whether the report will lead to a more flexible attitude on the part of WLB remains to be seen.

In the meantime, the CIO Board appointed a six man committee to impress upon WLB the urgency of revising its wage policies.

IWO Parley Tonight

Leaders of the trade union committee of the Manhattan district of the International Workers Order will meet tonight (Tuesday) at 7 o'clock at 189 Second Ave., to make final preparations for their new magazine, The Voice of Unity. The publication, which will appeal particularly to workers in the International Ladies Garment Workers

New Filibuster Against FEPC Fund Looms

WASHINGTON, June 19.—A real danger that polltax senators will filibuster a $500,000 appropriation for the President's Fair Employment Practice Committee until most of the Senate has left either for the Republican convention or its summer vacation developed today.

Polltax senators denied they want to conduct a filibuster, and Sen. Kenneth McKellar of Tennessee expressed the hope there could be a vote on FEPC tomorrow.

But McKellar and other polltax senators flatly refused to a request by Majority Leader Alben Barkley that some agreement be reached on limiting debate.

The strategy of the polltaxers is obviously to force a vote at a point when absenteeism has sharply reduced senate attendance and has given them a momentary margin.

Senator James M. Mead of New York, in a fighting speech on the Senate floor yesterday, pleaded with his colleagues to pass the appropriation. Supporters of FEPC have asked all New Yorkers to wire commendation to him immediately.

Friends of FEPC are admittedly worried about the situation. Many senators have already left Washington, and there are estimates that as many as 12 Republicans will line up with the polltaxers against FEPC.

Mayor to Greet Rally On June 22

Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia will bring New York City's official greetings to the Russian War Relief meeting of tribute to the Allied armies at Madison Square Garden, Thursday evening, June 22 at 7:30 p. m. Thousands of New Yorkers are expected to fill the huge garden to mark the third year of Soviet resistance against the Nazis and to salute 168 years of friendship between the Russian and American peoples.

LaGUARDIA

The meeting will be one of a nationwide series of observances to be held during the week of June 22.

A dramatic presentation entitled "Order of the Day" will depict the traditional friendship between the United States and Russia from the early days of the American Republic up to the present time.

Distinguished Americans are scheduled to speak including Herbert H. Lehman, director general of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration; Senator Claude Pepper; Major General Charles W. Wesson, U. S. Army director of the Division for Soviet Supply of the Foreign Economic Administration; R. J. Thomas, president, United Automobile Workers; Edward C. Carter, president Russian War Relief; Harold H. Helm, chairman of the RWR's New York Committee.

WILL REPRESENT USSR

Alexander Kapustin, charge de affairs of the Soviet Embassy will represent the Soviet government in the absence of Ambassador Gromyko who is now in Moscow. The Rt. Rev. Charles K. Gilbert, Suffragan Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of New York, and Rabbi Israel Goldstein of Congregation B'nai Jeshurua, will offer prayers for the armies of the United Nations.

Sponsor of Russian War Relief's third nation-wide commemoration of the Russian people's fight against Hitlerism are: Dr. Israel Goldstein, William Green, Thomas W. Lamont, Philip Murray, James G. Patton, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, the Rev. Ralph Sockman, Thomas J. Watson, A. F. Whitney, Wendell Willkie and Owen D. Young.

Tickets which are priced $.84, $1.20, $2.40 and $3.60, may be purchased at offices of Russian War Relief, 11 E. 35 St., and local committee headquarters.

French Patriot Army Is Hailed

Organized French patriot activities on a tremendous scale since June 6 were at the outset discredited by most newspapers here. The Daily Workers, aware since 1941 of the Francs Tireurs and Partisans and of the subsequent establishment inside France of a united National Resistance Council, was the first newspaper to recognize that scattered reports of patriot activities were based on truth.

Gen. Dwight Eisenhower's advance headquarters have now confirmed the extent and strength of the patriot uprising which coincided with the Allied landings. Its special communique, which recognizes the resistance forces as a regular army, should silence doubters and pessimists effectively.

"These multiple and simultaneous cases of sabotage," it said, "have delayed considerably the movement of German reserves to the combat zone. In some areas the Army of French Forces of the Interior is in full control."

Red Army Shells Viborg, Captures Summa; Finns Flee

Under Shellfire: Allied artillery started shelling Cherbourg yesterday, as American troops pushed within seven miles of the key French coastal port. Other American forces under the command of Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley were also advancing on Cherbourg from the Montebourg sector.

LONDON, June 19 (UP).—Red Army tanks and infantry, streaming through a 31-mile wide gap in the crumpled Mannerheim Line, pushed to within 10 miles of the Finnish gateway city of Viborg today, and Moscow front dispatches said the Finns were fleeing in panic before the onrushing Red Army.

A Soviet column knifing up the Gulf of Finland coast under the cover of bombardment from big guns of the Soviet Baltic Fleet brought Viborg, a city of 60,000 under the range of heavy artillery by capturing the rail station of Johannes 12 miles to the south. That force had advanced five miles in one day. It then smashed two more miles northward to take Rokkala, 10 miles south of Viborg.

The Moscow war bulletin said the Soviets had captured more than 70 towns and settlements today on the 10th day of the drive into Finland. It reported that the Red Army, which had smashed through an eight-mile sector of the Mannerheim Line yesterday, had broadened the breach to a 31-mile stretch extending in from the Finnish Gulf to the stronghold of Muola, 20 miles southeast of Viborg. Muola was taken in an eight-mile advance up the Leningrad-Viborg highway.

Summa, another Mannerheim stronghold 16 miles southeast of Viborg, was won after a four mile gain.

Viborg was being threatened frontally by Soviet forces attacking northward on a 25-mile front. On the east, the Soviets cleared the entire south shores of Lakes Vuoksi and Suvanto—eastern end of the Mannerheim Line—and opened the way for a flanking thrust against Viborg from the east. The western tip of Lake Vuoksi is 28 miles from Viborg.

Moscow front dispatches said the battleship October Revolution and the cruiser Kirov were moving along the Finnish gulf coast pounding the flanks of the retreating Finns.

Yank Artillery Hits Cherbourg

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in thickness, dispatches said. The first salient thrust across the Cape Sunday was only four miles wide at some places.

Gorrell reported that mopping up of Germans caught in the corridor was continuing Monday morning. The area was infested with snipers and **"our life is not worth a plugged nickel unless you are quick to dodge and accurate with your own fire."**

On the west coast, the Americans had advanced in both directions south of St. Lo D'Ourville and north of Carteret, expanding their original front of about eight miles

The second German counterattack against the "bolt" came, like the first, in the St. Jacques De Nehou area four miles northwest of St. Sauveur and was thrown back with heavy enemy losses in a brisk battle early Monday. The Germans had not attempted to break through the bolt from the south, where they undoubtedly were handicapped by their own inundations in the coastal area around La Haye-Du Puits.

Allied headquarters announced that the British had driven back into the northern part of Tilly in hand-to-hand fighting, but the Germans still were strongly entrenched in the southern part of the wrecked town.

The famed British Seventh Armored Division is now fighting in Normandy, it was disclosed, joining the 50th Northumbrians of Gen. Sir B. L. Montgomery's storied "Desert Rats" in spearheading the Western Front assault.

Nazi 'Robot' Turns Out To Be a Flying Torpedo

LONDON, June 19 (UP). — Adolf Hitler's vaunted "secret weapon," with which the Nazis have been bombarding southern England from the French coast for five days was officially described today by the Air Ministry as a flying torpedo loaded with one ton of high explosive, as fighter planes and massed anti-aircraft batteries shot down large numbers of the "dynamite meteors."

As the RAF evolved a new technique which is expected to go a long way toward countering the new threat, the Air Ministry revealed that "other offensive measures to frustrate the enemy's plans for attacking our cities" were being adopted.

"By their use of this unmilitary weapon of chance, the Germans acknowledge that the Luftwaffe is powerless to stem the Allied offensive in Europe or to be a serious menace to the air force of the United Nations," the Ministry's announcement said. "The attacks, long prepared, have been launched in an attempt to console the people of the Nazi Reich and to halt further deterioration of morale."

The Air Ministry said the pilotless planes were launched from a ramp, probably with the aid of a take-off rocket. In level flight their speed is between 300 and 350 miles an hour.

Not radio-controlled, the robots are operated by an automatic pilot set before the take-off, and their movement cannot be controlled after they are launched.

The range of the present type is about 105 miles. They have a 21-foot 10-inch fuselage with a maximum width of two feet eight and a quarter inches, and their overall length is 25 feet four and a half inches, with a wing span of 16 feet.

The 2,200-pound explosive is carried in the war head—a phrase also used in torpedo nomenclature—mounted in a casing at the front part of the fuselage.

Thanks, Soldier— You Have Our Pledge

"I don't get a chance to see your paper as often as I would like to out here in the far west where I am stationed at present," a soldier wrote to us recently. "And when I do, what I read always gives me more power to keep going and do the best job I know how."

In the envelope was $5.00 which he said was "to boost the Fund Drive and make it possible for the Daily Worker to grow a couple of pages."

To the countless soldiers who like the writer above have expressed their appreciation for the papers, we say "thank you." Not only "thank you," but the pledge that the Daily Worker and The Worker will keep on backing up our fighting men all over the world, for victory and a lasting peace.

May Win This Year: Churchill

LONDON, June 19 (UP). — The Allies may win complete victory in Europe this summer, Prime Minister Winston Churchill predicted in a speech last Thursday at the Mexican Embassy here, it was disclosed today.

Possibly 1,000,000 men now are locked in battle in Normandy, where the Allied invasion broke upon the bewildered Germans, achieving a tactical surprise, the Prime Minister told assembled Latin American, U. S., and British diplomats.

Hinting that further surprises wait the enemy, Churchill asserted that the invasion, which he described as "this great adventure," was launched in full accord with the Soviets and the decisions taken at Teheran. He added, however, that the execution of the plans adopted there were far from being complete.

"It is being steadily unrolled, and the months of this summer, may, by the victories of this Allied campaign, bring full success to the cause of freedom," he declared.

"It is a great moment in the history of the world, and it may be that events will occur in the next few months which will show us whether we are soon to be relieved of the curse which has been laid upon us by the Germans."

Cacchione Acts on Anti-Negro Outrage

Councilman Peter V. Cacchione, who received word of anti-Negro outrages at the Fort Greene, Brooklyn, housing projects while out-of-town, yesterday wired Mayor LaGuardia and Charles Evans Hughes, Jr., chairman of the Mayor's Committee on Discrimination, urging immediate action against the hoodlums responsible.

French Take Elba Capital; Nazis Make Stand 85 Mi. North of Rome

ROME, June 19 (UP).—French troops have captured Portoferraio, capital of Elba, and have cleared the Germans from more than half of the island's 85 square miles, it was announced today, while on the Italian mainland the Allies advanced and took a large number of prisoners despite stiffening enemy resistance and rainstorms which hampered operations.

Porotoferraio, about midway of the north shore of the island, was taken by a French column which fought its way from the south coast against strong opposition. Several hundred prisoners, including a number of officers, were taken in the island capital. Remnants of the German garrison were reported scattering into the hills with French Colonial troops in close pursuit.

(The German communique said Nazi troops on Elba had been compelled by the "far superior enemy" to withdraw to the northeastern part of the island—the portion nearest to the Italian mainland, some seven miles distant,)

BITTER PERUGIA BATTLE

The Germans holding Perugia, ancient city of 72,000 population 84 miles north of Rome, were fighting bitterly and had thrown out Eighth Army patrols which had entered the city yesterday. The Eighth occupied Assissi, 13 miles southeast of Perugia, Bastia, nine miles southeast of Perugia, Deruta, nine miles due south of Perugia and San Martino del Fico, nine miles southwest of Perugia. Heavy fighting was reported around Perugia.

A second center of major enemy resistance was Citta Della Pieve, 80 miles north of Rome, where the Germans were fighting with strong forces. Eighth Army units took Piegaro, population 6,000 four miles northeast of Citta Della Pieve, and redoubled pressure on the latter city. Heavy fighting had been in progress for Citta Della Piee since June 17.

Near Bastia, population 5,700, the Germans launched a strong counterattack, which was repulsed. Eighth Army units then crossed the Chaiscio River and, with armored car units, took Deruta, and pushed on four miles to San Martino del Fico.

The New Tide in Coney Island-- ALP Club Sets Citywide Example

By JOHN MELDON

[First of a series on ALP Clubs.]

All the ALP has to do in this city to increase its membership by several hundred percent is follow the example set by the Coney Island Club, at 3304 Mermaid Ave.

The Coney Island Club had 75 members on March 28, the day of the primaries. The Old Guard disruptionists took the licking of their lives that day, but that's history. After the primaries the Coney Island club members got together and said let's make new history.

Well, to date, the club has increased over 300 percent and has 200 members. They aim at 300 by July 4. But all this is picayune compared with the long range perspectives of the club.

1,000 MEMBERS GOAL

"We are really aiming at a thousand members in the near future," Irving Herzenberg, an active member of the Coney Island Club and the ALP leader of the 16th Assembly District told this writer.

We asked Mr. Herzenberg a few questions.

"What happened to the supporters of the late unlamented right wing?"

"There is a group which still meets in the Workmen's Circle headquarters," he said, "but they don't call themselves the Liberal Party. They are all split up and some say they are going into the Democratic Party, others say they are fed up with the Rose-Dubinsky crowd and others tell us privately they are waiting for the national elections and then they'll come over to us. The latter are mostly minor officials in the right wing unions and are afraid of their jobs right now."

"These new members," we asked, "what type are they?"

"That's really the answer to your first question," the ALP leader said. "About 40 percent of the new members are from the ILGW, the milliners and Wolchok's retail clerks. In other words, the so-called Liberal Party leaders are losing their hold on the honest rank and file unionists."

TACKLE COMMUNITY ISSUES

It may sound trite to say that organizations don't grow unless they prove their worth, but that's precisely the background of the Coney Island Club's increase in membership. There is not one important problem or issue facing the community in which this ALP club is not involved.

Most of the club's activities stem from a War Activities Committee headed by Sidney Shone. Neighborhoods are canvassed for signatures to reelect Roosevelt. More than a thousand soldier ballot applications have been put into the hands of the community. Other committee members recently gathered 500 pounds of clothing for Allied relief while others are concentrating on mobilizing blood donors.

On specific local problems, the club is doing excellent work. Mrs. Dorothy Packer is organizing a women's committee to tackle the hundred-and-one problems facing housewives and women war workers.

OUT TO ELECT KING

The Coney Island Club is also up to its neck in the campaign to elect James King, president of the New York State County and Municipal Workers to Congress. This, of course, is a 14th Congressional District campaign of which the 16th A.D. is a part and involves the five ALP clubs in the congressional district. The other four clubs are the Midwood and Kings Highway clubs, both in the 2nd A.D., and three clubs in the 16th A.D.—the Coney Island, the United and the Bath Beach clubs.

The drive for King to Congress is headed by Herbert Gurowitz in the 16th A.D. while Dorothy Funt coordinates the drive for the whole congressional district.

Herzenberg stressed the fact that there is real collective leadership in the 16th A.D. Responsible, capable ALP members head the various phases of activity. For instance Joe Russ, aided by able assistants, is in charge of the membership drive which is going great guns. The Draft Roosevelt drive (they are holding a mass rally on this Thursday, June 29 at the Casa D'Amor) is led by David Mankoff who is legislative director of the Coney Island Club. Sam Prober and Louis Gordon keep the club's headquarters humming with community activities and meetings as heads of the house committee. David Katz watches out for finances and is ably assisted by Joe Sobel, Harry Stern, Sam Brill, Sam Held, Hyman Nathanson and Joe Russ. Hy Pollock and Meyer Packard handle the King for Congress campaign for the Coney Island Club. Many more too numerous to mention are busy with other phases of the club's activities.

The Coney Island ALP Club is one of the most active in the city and has struck deep roots into the community where it operates. (Top), part of the club's membership at a meeting. The woman in uniform is Mrs. Bobby Reichenthaler, chairman of the Blood Donor Committee of the OCVD. (Below), Irving Herzenberg, leader of the 16th Assembly District of the ALP and a sparkplug of the Coney Island Club is shown signing up a new member. —Daily Worker photos.

School Heads OK Davis Plea to Kill Anti-Negro Text

Immediate action will be taken to correct or eliminate all anti-Negro or otherwise undemocratic textbooks used in the school system, Dr. Stephen F. Bayne told a delegation of Negro and white citizens last week, it was revealed yesterday.

Dr. Bayne, who is associate superintendent and chairman of the curriculum department of the Board of Education, made this pledge to Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., who headed the delegation. Any textbooks which are objectionable or un-American which you or your committee or any other citizen call to our attention will be acted upon immediately," Dr. Bayne declared.

In the course of listing some of the proposals Councilman Davis read a passage from a book entitled History of the American People now in use in the school system. This passage which Davis characterized as outrageously inconsistent with truth and with the democratic traditions of the New York school system, said: "The rule of the Negro and his unscrupulous carpetbagger and scalawag patrons was an orgy of extravagance, fraud and disgusting incompetence."

AGREE TO ACTION

Present on the delegation yesterday were: Charles A. Collier, Jr., Citywide Citizens Committee; Louise McDonald, Alpha Kappa Lobby Committee; Mrs. Elizabeth Roberts, parent; A. Wendell Malliet, Amsterdam News; Archbishop William Ernest, African Orthodox Church; Ernest L. Dimitry, Permanent Committee for Better Schools in Harlem, and Ann Palazzalo, American Youth for Democracy. AFL and CIO trade unionists had already indicated their support of the objectives of the delegation.

The delegation headed by Councilman Davis was the result of a large conference which he called two months ago of some forty Negro and white community leaders.

UAW to Seek Severance Pay

DETROIT, June 19.—All CIO United Auto Workers aircraft locals have been asked to negotiate with managements for severance pay to protect members from cutbacks, Richard T. Frankensteen, UAW vice-president and national aircraft director, said yesterday.

The department proposes that unions seek severance pay amounting to four weeks' pay at 48 hours per week, computed at the highest rate received during the last six months where service is less than a year. Where service is a year or more, the department proposes eight weeks' pay at 48 hours per week.

"The impact of contract terminations, with resulting lay-offs for thousands of workers has already been sharply felt in aircraft," Frankensteen said. "Our recent experience in Brewster Aeronautical Corp. portends what we can expect nationally in the immediate future."

Information from procurement officials indicates additional terminations will hit aircraft before the end of the year at a time when war production will be generally declining, he added.

He said the severance pay was essential to maintain stable production in aircraft

—Election Scene

Wuxtra! Dewey Reveals All! Will 'Accept' If Nominated--

by Max Gordon

Gov. Dewey's "hide-and-go-seek" game with the press in connection with the GOP Presidential nomination remains one of the most fantastic bits of tomfoolery on the national political scene. Yesterday, the newspapers announced that Dewey's "board of strategy" admitted he would accept if nominated. The "board of strategy" includes Edwin F. Jaeckle, state GOP chairman; J. Russell Sprague, GOP national committeeman from New York, and Herbert Brownell, Jr., Dewey's campaign manager in his race for district attorney and in his two campaigns for governor.

All three are political intimates of the Governor. They rose to power with him and constitute his political retinue. The press knew and reported the fact that they have been actively conducting his campaign for the nomination for the past several months. Yet the newspapers seriously "report" that they at last have an indication that he will accept.

The cynical farce has had its purpose. For one thing it made it unnecessary for the Governor to make many speeches regarding national and international issues. Hence he could avoid stepping on too many toes. Then, too, remembering the experience of 1940, when Dewey came to the convention a favorite only to be headed off by a dark horse, Wendell Willkie, his plan this time was to have the leading contenders kill each other off while Dewey remained quiet.

Willkie's early elimination from the race was not very helpful since it brought Dewey to the fore too soon. Thus, the New York Governor's nomination doesn't look so all-fired certain as it did immediately after the Wisconsin primaries. Delegates actually pledged to him amount to about 350 out of the 1,057 total. Nevertheless, there is little reason to doubt that he will be the nominee.

Opposition to his candidacy apparently comes from two directions. Those in the Pew-duPont-Gerald Smith crowd who feel that the GOP can win with any candidate would like to see someone more closely tied to them than Dewey. They will be delighted to settle for him, however, if any serious threat develops from the other direction—the pro-Willkie direction.

While there does not seem to be the faintest chance that Willkie's name will crop up again, the more responsible forces in the GOP who were associated with his candidacy, and others who believe their party can win only with a person of greater political stature than Dewey or Bricker, are likely to back another dark horse.

Meanwhile, two schools of thought have developed among GOP resolutions committee members now gathering in Chicago. One would frankly state the GOP position in opposition to subsidies, to the Hull trade treaties and to several other aspects of the administration program which the Republicans have been fighting. Another group wants to cover up by writing a general program that would mean anything to anybody.

Among the Democrats, speculation is hottest on the question of the Vice-Presidency. Oklahoma's Governor Robert S. Kerr, who will be the Democratic keynoter and who is an ardent supporter of the President, yesterday denied reports that he is a candidate. His denial is interpreted in Washington circles as another indication that the President is anxious to have Vice-President Wallace as his running mate.

Myers Rips Dewey GI Vote Steal

Vice-President Frederick N. Myers of the National Maritime Union yesterday attacked Gov. Dewey's soldier vote law as "political chicanery" and demanded that merchant seamen be given the right to vote by absentee ballot.

"Dewey is attempting a bare-faced steal of New York's electoral vote behind a framework of legal hocus-pocus," the seamen's leader charged.

Myers has asked that Attorney General Nathaniel Goldstein rule on the issue of whether seamen have the right to vote by absentee ballot. Myers claims that anyone aboard a U. S. vessel should be considered within the U. S.

Lewis Plotted Wright Strike--Addes

By HARRY FAINARU

DETROIT, June 19.—It wasn't only an anti-Negro strike the agents of John L. Lewis' District 50 pulled at the Wright Aeronautical Corp. at Lockland, O. "It was an anti-war and anti-invasion strike," declared George Addes, the secretary-treasurer of the United Auto Workers, CIO, when I interviewed him at International headquarters.

The Lockland strike, which interrupted the war production of 15,000 started June 5 over the employment of seven Negroes was one of the few stoppages that continued after D-Day.

"All the evidence we have been able to gather," the UAW leader told me, "points to a sinister plan engineered by the pro-fascist Lewis agents in District 50 to foment anti-war and anti-Roosevelt sentiments among the 35,000 workers at the four Wright aeronautical shops at Lockland."

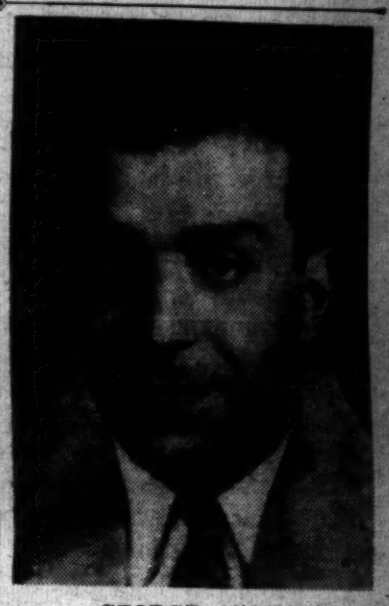
These agents utilized a handful of KKK elements within the shops to provoke the strike, said Addes.

HITS ANTI-UNION SLANDER

"It is a downright slander to impute anti-Negro sentiments to the white workers at this plant," said the UAW leader when asked to what degree anti-Negro attitudes prevailed. He said the majority oppose discrimination, back the war and support President Roosevelt's reelection.

Addes spoke angrily of what happened on D-Day, the day he arrived at Lockland. **When Lewis' agents were shown the papers with the news of the invasion these people "scoffed and laughed us in the face and shrugged their shoulders,"** he said. "We told them they better lay off, we'd make it too hot for them if they don't get out of there and quickly too."

Now that the strike is over the local leadership is conducting an educational campaign, exposing these fifth column elements, explaining the nature of the war and labor's stake in its outcome, Addes said.



GEORGE ADDES

The seven Negroes, whose transfer to an all-white department was used as excuse to provoke the stoppage, had been brought into the department a month earlier but pressure on management had the transfers withdrawn. Later, on union insistence that there be no discrimination, they were returned to the all-white department and the strike provocations followed.

In Lockland, Addes told management and workers that the International would insist that the Negroes remain on the jobs assigned. "The same bullets that kill a white soldier kill Negro soldiers," he said. "If a Negro brother is good to do the fighting and dying for our country, he is also good to do the work and produce the implements of war."

— Labor Scene —

CIO Moves for Next Stage in Election Drive

By George Morris

The three big problems that occupied the attention of 300 representatives at the CIO's Political Action Committee at Washington and the CIO board meeting that followed were political action, wages and reconversion.

Despite the usual crop of "split" rumors that precede every such gathering, the CIO's leadership again showed unity and unanimity.

The decision to launch a new national political action committee is undoubtedly the outstanding step. It is destined to show its effect in the next stage after the election nominating conventions.

The PAC served its purpose in the pre-nomination stage. It aroused labor for political action to an unprecedented level. While its work was more directly within the CIO, setting up political action committees in every local, educating the membership and defeating some reactionaries as well as electing win-the-war win-the-peace candidates in primaries, the PAC has also influenced AFL and other groups. This is evident by the large number of AFL vice-presidents and affiliates who have kicked over the traditional "non-partisanship" and spoken out for the President.

PREPARES BROADER MOVEMENT

The PAC actually prepared the ground for the much broader movement of "workers, farmers and all progressives" in support of the President.

The second consideration was the legal requirements which prohibit direct union financial support for political candidates. As Chairman Sidney Hillman of PAC told the Senate's committee, the law will be lived up to. It has not been violated in the primary stages. In entering the next stages, the new organization will launch a drive for voluntary individual contributions from CIO members of a dollar each. The $3,000,000 Hatch Act limit will easily be reached. It will come on a wave of the greatest political participation that was ever aroused among the people.

POSITION ON WLB

The CIO also moved to shake the War Labor Board out of a slowness and rigid formalism that still hamstrings it while the invasion already rages. The CIO's criticism of the WLB's procedure will be summarized and presented to the board through a committee headed by president Philip Murray. But the CIO served notice upon strike provokers that it stands fully behind the WLB as an agency for peaceful settlement of wartime disputes.

The CIO also took steps to give direction on reconversion and cutback problems through a permanent committee of eight. The Brewster experience was cited to show the urgent need for a policy on reconversion.

Again PM and other prophets of disaster are disappointed. They had made it a habit to predict a split on the eve of every CIO board meeting. This time, they assured us, Harry Bridges would be nailed to the cross for refusing to break the no-strike pledge for a general Montgomery Ward strike and for suggesting that strikes could be avoided after the war, too, on the basis of national unity for full employment and high living standards. **The CIO board showed that its unity behind the invasion is far-stronger than the factional efforts of a few.**

PM became a mbouthpiece for the Bridges-baiters and those who are looking for a back way out of the no-strike agreement. PM had only one story reporting on the three-day CIO board meeting—two columns full of gossip **devoted entirely** to explaining why the promised party to lynch Bridges didn't come off.

2 UMW Locals in Penn. Back FDR

WASHINGTON, Pa., June 19.—It is now an open secret in this bituminous coal region that a split is taking place among United Mine Workers officials on support for Roosevelt.

So far the Roosevelt forces are on the offensive. In the past week two UMWA locals — Chartiers and Clyde No. 3—passed resolutions in support of the fourth term. The small opposition in one local didn't know what to say when the sponsors of the resolution asked: "If not Roosevelt, then who?"

To date, Lewis has given poor leadership to those who have the unpleasant task of taking the miners away from Roosevelt. He has supplied them with all the Coughlinite arguments against Roosevelt, but has not prepared them for answers to the miners' demands for a positive election program. This leaves Lewis' election workers looking foolish and many UMWA officials are too proud to accept such a position.

Lewis Muscles in On Rail Unions

BOSTON, June 19.—John L. Lewis' catch-all District 50 is attempting to raid Railroad Brotherhoods on the Boston & Maine lines.

William Dalrymple, national director of District 50's railroad division; Joseph Mayo, New England District 50 director, and Henry P. Cronin, president of the Boston United Freight House Workers, part of the United Mine Workers, brought Lewis' anti-war, anti-Roosevelt and pro-strike message to a meeting here recently. Cronin was formerly in the Brotherhoods but was expelled.

Only a handful of Brotherhood men attended and none joined the UMW. Aim of the meeting, advertised as designed to explain Brotherhood failures, was obviously organization of a small disruptive minority.

Dalrymple tries to exploit the prestige of the CIO to build support for Lewis, neglecting to indicate that he had no connection with it. However, he spent most of his time denouncing political action and calling for strikes, which most recognized ran counter to CIO policy.

Butchers Back Negro Rights

ST. LOUIS, June 19.—The issue of equal rights for Negroes stirred the liveliest interest at the 16th convention of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers Workmen of the AFL, which just ended here.

Progressives among the 418 delegates of the 120,000 strong AFL union, raised the issue of a Negro vice-president. A sharp fight took place on the floor, but the resolution failed to pass by a close margin.

Later when one of the vice-presidents announced he would retire, progressives put forward the candidacy of William Tate, a Negro, while administration forces sponsored Harry Poole. On a roll-call vote Poole was elected by 251 to 153 for Tate. There were only 14 Negro delegates at the convention.

The administration's candidate had the bloc of votes of 76 international representatives and 11 officers to start with. The delegation of Local 623, New York, headed by manager Joseph Cohen, led the fight on the issue.

A resolution was passed unanimously instructing officers not to hold conventions in any city where hotels discriminate. It was prompted by Jim Crow policies that delegates found in St. Louis hotels.

The resolution also directed that a letter be sent to every international affiliate of the AFL urging a similar position. Convention promotion bureaus are to be similarly notified.

Negro Women Direct Cleveland A & P

CLEVELAND, June 19.—Five Negro women manage stores for major chain grocery companies in the Cleveland area. Both Fisher and A & P stores have helped to solve the manpower shortage by promoting Negro women.

Several of the women have increased store sales, and all testify that they like the intricate business

News Capsules

Over and Beyond His Duty

Rev. Raymond J. Salchli, of Pittsburgh, an expectant father, won the appreciation and praise of Magee hospital workers. Instead of pacing the corridors as he waited for the birth of his child, he cleaned surgical instruments and also walls.

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More than 4,000 pounds of powder was destroyed by fire at Du Pont's smokeless powder drying house at Carneys Point, N. J., early yesterday. Estimated damage of the fire which officials believe was started by lightning is $10,000. No one was in the building.

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At La Junta, Colo., a westbound Santa Fe passenger train smashed into the two rear coaches of an eastbound train, killing one person, injuring 30. Half of the injured were soldiers.

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A tornado struck South Dakota and western Minnesota Sunday night leveling hundreds of farm homes. Ten persons were killed, 100 injured, some critically. Soldiers, National Guard, Red Cross and state agencies administered relief. Police are patrolling devastated areas.

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Richard Schiff, 66, fell from the roof of his six-story apartment house at 89-07 34th Ave. Jackson Heights, Queens, where he had gone to escape the heat. He's on the critical list at Bellevue Hospital.

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In a race with the stork a Newark woman was delivered of her baby on the green lawn of a Newark hospital. Later when the father protested the original $15 bill for "use of the delivery room," the item was changed to greens fee.

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Cherbourg and Viborg

WITH THE ISOLATION of Cherbourg and the Soviet breakthrough to Viborg, it may be said that this summer's decisive battles have passed their first phase. In a very short time we shall have a first class port in France, whether the Nazis trapped there surrender, as in Bizerte a year ago, or whether they have to be wiped out. The stage will be set either for further landings in northern France, or a development of the peninsula campaign into central France, below Paris, or a combination of both.

Within ten days, our Soviet allies have accomplished a very remarkable feat under very difficult conditions. the pulverization of the Finnish fortifications and the rapid approach to the heart of southern Finland has induced a first-rate political crisis in Helsinki. This is surely the last crisis before the whole ignoble Finnish alliance with Germany crashes into bits. And the entire Baltic littoral clear down to Prussia will be opened for Soviet offensive operations.

From Cherbourg to Viborg, we can see one connected operation in a master plan which is to unfold still further. In both cases, our own generals and the Soviet High Command appear to be moving away from Germany itself; actually, they are laying the basis for concerted operations against the heart of Germany proper.

The Red Army will knock Finland out of the war; our own advance serves to knock out Vichy completely, and the French Army of the Interior, the guerrillas, now admittedly control large sections where Vichy once ruled.

Premier Churchill may be right in his casual remark about victory coming unexpectedly soon, which is particularly welcome by contrast with previous British forecasts of unusually prolonged fighting. But as Churchill will agree, the enemy is still very strong. We have an immense job to do. We have shown that it can be done. Let us think of nothing else but to do it thoroughly, with all the power of our armed forces and the home front behind them.

Willkie's Articles

DESPITE SOME occasional partisan relapses, Wendell Willkie's articles on what ought to go into the GOP platform are a positive contribution to the nation. He has focused attention on real issues in the election campaign and has blasted some fake ones.

In all essential respects, Willkie is in agreement with the most advanced sections of America—with the labor movement and the Roosevelt Administration. The fact that he criticizes the Administration on occasion for its execution of certain aspects of that program and for the most part unfairly, does not in any way change that.

While millions of Republicans undoubtedly accept Willkie's views, can anyone imagine the current Hooverite GOP leadership—men like Spangler, Taft, Landon, etc.—accepting them? They may, for campaign purposes, piously declare that they are for abolition of the polltax and for international collaboration, but their political lives have been devoted to fighting against these and all the other principles projected by Willkie.

Thus, he attacks the "states rights" doctrine as an obstacle to the solution of problems of Negro rights, social security and postwar reconversion. The GOP leadership has made defense of "states rights" a cardinal issue.

Willkie demands a rounded-out program of social security and a strong labor movement. The Hooverites bitterly opposed introduction and expansion of social security and have always been the sworn enemies of a strong trade union movement.

Willkie insists on a foreign policy that will commit America to collaboration with the other United Nations on the basis of mutual well-being for all. The Republican leaders have resorted to all kinds of false issues in their efforts to undermine that policy.

The rejection of Willkie by the GOP high command, its undenied hostility to him and his bid for the presidential nomination, reflect its attitude toward the program he advances.

We do not know whether Willkie will follow the full logic of his position. But those in the Republican Party, who agree with Willkie have no other choice than to join with labor and all other forces devoted to the nation's welfare in fighting for the re-election of President Roosevelt.

HIS LAST DEFENSE

— To Tell the Truth —

We Can All See It Now

— By Robert Minor —

"I looked up page 309 of Engel's book Anti-Duhring that you quoted from in your column about Luigi Antonini (Friday, June 9) and you got it all wrong. When Engel said 'men with full consciousness, will fashion their own history,' he was talking about what would be under Socialism. And you got them doing it under Capitalism. You better quit trying to be so simple. You can't explain dialectics with a little boy pushing over a cradle.—Educated Marxist."

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IT MIGHT have been Tom Sawyer that wrote me this anonymous letter. Tom Sawyer, the immortal character created by Mark Twain, was a philosophical idealist. He lived in a comfortable home and could afford to be.

Huckleberry Finn, on the other hand, was a dialectical materialist, and had to be; he lived in a barrel in the woods to keep out of the way of his drunkard father. And as Engels said, an instinctive form of dialectical materialism is to be found among men and boys (or girls) like Huck Finn, and in all of the greatest writers such as Shakespeare, Cervantes and Mark Twain.

You remember Mark Twain's inimitable classic, Adventures of Huckleberry Finn. In it a runaway slave, Jim, and his friend Huckleberry Finn take the famous voyage down the Mississippi River on a raft, thinking they will turn northeast up the Ohio River when they get to it, and make for free territory. But they miss the mouth of the Ohio and wind up in the deep South with Jim recaptured and locked up in a woodshed on a plantation.

By strange coincidence Tom Sawyer shows up suddenly in the very same spot in the deep South, and he and Huck Finn undertake the problem of liberating their friend, the captured slave. In the night they sneak up to the rickety wood shed in which Jim is locked with a rusty padlock on the door, a strip of wood nailed across the window in the rear and a chain on Jim's ankle looped around the wooden leg of the bed on which he sleeps. Huck Finn, the materialist, starts to yank the board off the window.

But Tom, the idealist, insists that it isn't done that way. He sticks by his philosophy (as previously stated in the story): "Because it ain't in the books so—that's why . . . Don't you reckon the people that made the books knows what's the correct thing to do?" They must dig Jim out from the dungeon, just like they do it in the books. Huck gives in to his idealist pal. He steals a pick and shovel from the barn; but Tom refuses to use these tools, saying the only proper way is to dig the prisoner out with table knives. Huck thinks that's foolish when there are a pick and shovel handy, but Tom says:

"It don't make no difference how foolish it is, it's the right way—and it's the regular way. And there ain't no **other** way that I ever heard of, and I've read all the books that gives my information about these things."

So they dig away with case-knives till they blister their hands, whereupon Tom gives up and says to Huck:

"I'll tell you, It ain't right, and it ain't moral, and I wouldn't like it to get out; but there ain't only just the one way: we got to dig him out with picks and **let on** it's case-knives."

When they get the hole dug and are inside the woodshed, Huck is about to lift the bed and slip the chain off of it, when Tom interrupts.

"No, the way all the best authors does is to saw the bed-leg in two, and leave it just so, and swallow the sawdust, so it can't be found. . . ." And the prisoner must leave a note behind (although he can't write), and it must be written by the prisoner with his blood for ink, because "The Iron Mask always done it that way."

Mark Twain shrewdly winds up the story with Huck Finn himself learning how to read books—and even to write them. Huck got to understand books better than Tom did, because in making use of the rich store of the experience of mankind that is found in books, he kept his eyes open for woodsheds and did not imagine castles where woodsheds were, not woodsheds where castles were.

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But the moral of the tale is this: Life never turns out exactly as foreseen in books; and that the biggest fact of present history is that capitalist states are able, within certain limits, to enter a sphere that Engels foresaw as possible for a socialist world only: the sphere in which **"men's social organization" on a world scale will "become the voluntary act of men themselves," and "men with full consciousness, will fashion their own history. . . ."** That is Teheran.

The capitalist world **alone,** could not have made the Teheran treaty. Capitalism following the policy of the past, directed against Russia—could produce only, as at Munich, another world war with a still more colossal ruin of the human race. But the capitalist system of the United States, Great Britain and other capitalist countries, solve the problem of "peace for many generations" because of the peculiar turn in history by which they become friends of the Socialist State to cooperate in making peace a new extension of world economy.

It is true that Engels did not mean that a capitalist world could do this. But Engels could not foresee that Socialism would come about in one country, that it would grow to be the most stable and unassailable state in the world; Lenin saw that. Nor could he foresee that in the greatest capitalist democracies and the unprecedented socialist democracy would find a way together to keep the peace and vastly to expand the world market, for "many generations," Stalin saw that.

From a completely different ideological approach, Roosevelt and Churchill saw it.

Worth Repeating

WARREN H. ATHERTON, National Commander of the American Legion in a cable to the National Legionnaire on D-Day: The pick of our people have accepted the supreme hazard of battle. They know that for which they fight. They endure the terribleness of modern battle for you folks at home. You are their cause. You must be worthy of their confidence. Rededicate yourselves on D-Day. Take inventory of your patriotism, your Americanism.

Today's Guest Column

Tales I Never Told—The Man With the Anti-Fascist Arsenal

By John Spivak

MILLIONS of children in fascist and semi-fascist lands, whose parents were active in underground movements, have been raised in an atmosphere of terror, fear, suspicion and hate. Sometimes I wonder what this new generation, seared by that sort of background in its formative years, will be like when it comes to maturity.

I came across such a child in Cuba. When I went there fascism was on the march. Those who ruled the island were ruthless in suppressing opposition. Pronounced fascist leanings were apparent in the rulers, and Cuba could become a perfect base to refuel Nazi submarines in the event of war. I heard that an underground movement had developed and it was important to learn the strength of the island's opposition should the rulers swing to the Nazis.

In Miami, where some Cuban underground leaders had their headquarters, I arranged for underground workers to contact me in Havana.

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ONE of the men who came to tell me what was happening was the mayor of his town and he invited me to go with him into the interior and see for myself what was brewing.

It was his house guest. In my room to which I was shown were two brass bound trunks which fascinated me. They looked like pictures of pirate treasure chests. Over each was a beautifully embroidered Spanish shawl.

We sat on the porch after dinner and drank exquisite rum concoctions, talking into the cool late hours of the night. Throughout the story he told me his little six-year-old son sat sleepily beside him. The boy did not understand a word of English but he would not go to bed. In the dim light I could see the child eyeing his father adoringly, and occasionally stroking his hand.

The mayor had fled under Machado to escape arrest and imprisonment as an opposition leader and settled in this town under an assumed name. Within a few years he became one of its most respected citizens and then its mayor. After Machado, suppression of opposition was equally ruthless and the now respected mayor began to build a small underground movement in his own community. This carefully selected group was preparing against the day when they, and others like them, might have to use force to reestablish simple liberties on the island. Since he was the least suspect by the government, the arms and munitions were stored in his house.

"They're in the chests in your room," he said proudly. "Tomorrow I'll show you our collection."

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THERE was no stopping him from opening them in the morning. The little boy, inseparable from his father, followed him around. When the mayor took out the keys to open the chests the boy began to speak rapidly in Spanish and I could feel a sudden animosity towards me on the part of the child.

"What's the matter?" I asked.

"He is scolding me for showing what's in them to a stranger," the mayor laughed and raised the lid of one chest. It was filled with pistols, rifles and ammunition.

The child turned and addressed me directly, the words gushing from him. The father listened in astonishment and suddenly bent and swept his son up in his arms, hugged him close, kissed him and put him down gently.

"What's he saying?" I asked.

The mayor shook his head in wonderment. "He was telling you that if you ever breathed a word of this to anyone he will personally shoot you dead," he laughed.

"Tell him not to worry," I said. "Tell him I am a friend."

The father translated it to the boy who studied me carefully and questioningly. The father continued talking softly. The frown vanished from the child's face. He came over to me and shyly put out his hand.

"Companero," he said, and smiled.

Views On Labor News

John L. Lewis Pins His Hope On Postwar "Convulsions"

by George Morris

JOHN L. LEWIS looked into a crystal ball and said he saw "economic and social convulsions" after the war. He was talking to delegates of the tri-district Anthracite convention at Hazelton. The miners listened coldly and thought of the "economic and social convulsions" that dominated the life of their union and the coal industry for half a century.

Lewis' postwar defeatism is an outgrowth of wartime defeatism. The mine union's boss is very sour. He feels like a lost soul and complains that nobody likes him. He had his man Friday, secretary - treasurer Thomas Kennedy, sing that song before the delegates a day earlier. Kennedy complained that the government and about everybody else in the country is against the miners (he meant Lewis) and sought to "destroy faith in the leadership" of their union.

Lewis' mission to Hazelton was to pin on the President the blame for grievances against the new contract and the fact that it took 16 months to negotiate it. Such little details as the three general strikes and the few leser ones, that Lewis called; his refusal to go along with wartime procedure; his policy of deliberately abusing every government agency that he had to deal with, and isolation from the rest of labor, was conveniently forgotten by Lewis. And now, when the miners rightfully complain that they are worse off than workers of other major industries, he tells them that the world is against them.

For three years things for Lewis didn't go according to plan—not since the summer of 1941 when he, Herbert Hoover, Alf Landon and other like Republican associates issued a statement holding that with the Soviet Union in the war there was no longer any interest in defeat of Germany.

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PEARL HARBOR forced Lewis to at least say that he favors the Allied side. Meanwhile, he planned to build a beachhead for the Axis in the labor movement. He had great ideas that his mere offer to lead a movement to grab the CIO would bring millions behind him. Those hopes were dashed.

He was then persuaded by Hutcheson and David Dubinsky to turn his hopes to the AFL. Lewis magnanimously offered to enter the AFL. But there was no welcome mat for him. For more than a year, in scorching sun and bitter winter, Lewis cooled his heels outside the "house of labor," only to be informed by butler Green that he can't come in.

Hopes collapsed that an anti-fourth term movement could take root in the AFL. The world is, indeed, against John L. Lewis.

NOW the disappointed "gr-r-r-eat" labor leader is pinning his hopes on postwar "convulsions." On that, as on everything else, he sees eye to eye with those who dream of the open shop twenties—those who would scrap or shut down plants, shut "unprofitable" mines, cut wages and the purchasing power of the people, and smash unions.

Miners whose memories go further than March 1933 will recall that their industry didn't even offer that short period of phony prosperity of the twenties. Those were the days when Lewis' pet project was a plan to get rid of 200,000 "surplus" miners. Between Hoover and Lewis the miners were stripped to extreme poverty, and by 1932 election time their union was down to a skeleton.

Lewis hasn't yet found labor support for his postwar views, but he can be comforted by the thought that some employers see as he does. Tom Girdler, remembered for the "social convulsions" outside of his Chicago plant in 1937, told the Cleveland C. of C. on Friday (the very same day) that the disturbing thought on postwar is the "fear" of labor and that the "undercurrent of demand" is for a crackdown.

As for the miners, remembering the past, they will inevitably find their way into the main stream of labor, to swell that force which is determined that the enduring peace promised at Teheran will mean in America a postwar of high level consumption and full employment.

Science Notebook

We're Ready for Nazis If They Use Poison Gas

By PETER STONE

The escape of chlorine gas from a leaky tank felled hundreds of persons in Brooklyn recently. At this writing, at least 150 persons are still hospitalized as a result of the accident. Reporters and photographers on the scene described it as resembling a first-aid battle casualty station at the war front, with people strewn all over the sidewalk, some gasping for breath, and others unconscious.

This incident brings sharply into focus April 22, 1915, the date of the first mass chlorine gas attack launched by the German Army against Allied troops in the vicinity of Ypres. The attack came as a complete surprise

But Allied military intelligence should have known that this was coming. They had the information—but scoffed at it. Yet this is not the first recorded instance of "gas" attack. At the siege of Platea, 428 BC, the Spartans used gas as an offensive weapon against the Athenians. Wood, saturated with pitch and sulphur was burned under the walls of the city in order to create choking, and poisonous fumes to assist the assault in subduing the defenders.

In 660 AD the Syrian chemist, Callinicus, invented Greek fire which helped the defense of Constantinople against the attacks of the Saracens.

Chlorine as a weapon might well have been used in the Civil War had the projectile of the New Yorker, John Doughty been accepted. In a letter to the Secretary of War, Edwin Stanton, the inventor presented a "projectile for routing an entrenched enemy with chlorine, a gas so irritating in its effects upon the respiratory organs that a small quantity diffused in the atmosphere produces an incessant and uncontrollable violent coughing." This idea was ignored by the War Department.

The Hague Convention of 1907 expressly forbade "employment of poison or poisoned arms," but the German chemical industry continued its research along these lines. By 1915 the front had been stabilized, and the German General Staff knew that the jig was up in a protracted war unless they could achieve a knockout blow. In desperation they turned to this method of warfare.

MUSTARD GAS

Allied scientists were quick to answer, just as the German army was slow to realize their advantage. The former devised crude respirators and gas masks as protection, and began to develop their own poison war gases. The latter developed more powerful lethal gases, like phosgene, a combination of chlorine and carbon monoxide 15 times as deadly as simple chlorine. In 1917 the Kaiser's armies introduced mustard gas that had the faint odor of garlic or horseradish. This gas burnt the skin, ate at the lungs, clung to the clothing, was hard to detect and harder to remove.

American Chemical Warfare Service created an even more potent gas, an arsenic compound named Lewisite and termed by the scientific writers as the "Dew of Death."

Many writers predicted the end of the world by unknown powerful gases. But this is fiction and not fact. For gas has not proved too effective a weapon.

The scientists also had to protect their own troops from gas attacks, and decontamination methods improved. The gas mask is no longer a cumbersome piece of equipment. It has been made more compact and does not cut down too much on vision and efficiency of the soldier. For protection against mustard gas, the Chemical Warfare Service has devised as standard equipment a plastic cape. Folded, this resembles a 4 by 8 inch tobacco pouch.

A further development is the invention of a surefire exploder for gas mines called prima cord. And from the West Orange Gas Defense Laboratory in New Jersey has come a compact field apparatus for the immediate determination of mustard or Lewisite gas.

There have been scattered reports of gas warfare in the present conflict, but nothing as yet of large scale use. The Nazis are becoming desperate and may use poison gas. If they do, the armies of the United Nations are ready and will retaliate in kind.

Listen Here, Mr. Editor

Then and Now

Manhattan.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Why can't the Daily News be put out of business by the U.S.A. for the duration of the war? If I remember history correctly, the Daily News was censored and stopped in the Civil War because of its sedition. The present Daily News has no business to be issued, every day spreading disease among the people of New York and vicinity, the disease of defeatism.

G. A. ROBBINS.

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How We Handled Johnston's Speech

Boston, Mass.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Your first report of Eric Johnston's Moscow speech deleted all of his references to the American Communists. It is debatable whether it is wise to leave Daily readers "in the dark" as to the stand on this question of an important leader like Johnston.

It was surprising, therefore, to read a special article in the Daily two days later which attacked Johnston's Moscow reference to the American Communists. Although this article impressed me very much and was a good contribution, I doubt if it would have been anything but confusing to others who, in reading the Daily alone, were quite unaware of the fact or nature of Johnston's remarks.

The value of your paper is unquestionably great and I admire the quality of the new format and special articles.

J. F.

(Ed. note: The Johnston remarks were not edited in the dispatch published in the Daily. They were printed briefly, our early deadline and space limitations forbidding more extracts. This happens frequently. Your suggestion about more quotes in articles of comment is another matter, although space plays a part here, too.)

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Sam Kristoff, Hero

Fairmont, W. Va.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Sam Kristoff died here several days ago, pain and poverty having dogged his trail since he had been badly crushed in a coal mine accident some years ago. The revolutionary flame never flagged nor faltered in the breast of this Bulgarian-American coal miner. Old timers in Fairmont recall Sam selling the Daily Worker here during the first year of its publication. Others tell about the time that Sam, one cold winter night in 1940, raised a bony hand in challenge when a "Mission" speaker attempted to serve up sweet "charity" with "Communazi" slanders. Last year, when John L. Lewis developed a strike against the war effort, Sam hobbled around on his bad legs and cane bringing the message of The Worker to the miners of this section.

TED ALLEN.

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News and Lindbergh

Manhattan.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The Daily News is trying to dust off Col. Lindbergh and present him as never having praised Hitler's armed brigands and as never having thrown dirt on our powerful ally, the Soviet Union. We can all see the trickery that is involved in that, engaged in by a paper which makes a specialty of sedition.

A. BENN.

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— Diplomatic Roundup

Italian Snag Untied, Bonomi OK'd

The Italian diplomatic snarl cleared up last night with the announcement from Rome that Ivanoe Bonomi's anti-fascist government had secured full Allied approval.

It appeared for a week that the British government, working through the Allied Control Commission in Rome, was trying to hold up the course of liberation in Italy by bargaining for the inclusion of Marshal Pietro Badoglio in the new regime.

Herbert L. Matthews in the Times also emphasized British displeasure with the way the Italian monarchy had been snubbed and the crown prince, Umberto, made to look foolish.

It appears also that the AMG, which still functions in Italy, was making itself nasty by ignoring the heroic Roman Committee of Liberation which had for nine months carried on a valiant resistance to the enemy. Some reports even indicated that Italian partisans, who had virtually cleared the city before the Allies arrived, were being arrested by ABG officials.

Approval for the Bonomi government, however, eliminates the major aspect of what might become a serious misunderstanding between Italy and the Allies.

It is understood that the conditions of the Sept. 3, 1943, armistice are still in force, and have been assumed by the Bonomi government. The fate of the monarchy also remains to be determined by a constituent assembly after all Italy is liberated.

The momentary crisis in Rome, however, reveals that the AMG has outlived its functions in Italy and ought to be withdrawn as quickly as possible. Not only are the Italians fully capable of self-government, but the grievous shortage of foodstuffs in Rome, and the enlistment of the partisans in an Italian anti-fascist army would be speeded if the AMG finally stepped out of the picture.

Czech-Soviet Fund Pact an Example

The agreement whereby the Soviet Union will print "liberation currency" for Czechoslovakia, but with that government's full authority was seen yesterday as another indication of the Soviet regard for the full sovereignty and friendship of its western neighbor.

The agreement, according to the Times, provides that the Czech crowns will be printed in the USSR, but in a quantity determined by the Czechs and Slovaks themselves, and subject to their authority.

Thus, the nasty situation created by the American high-handedness with France is avoided. In that case, French francs were printed for the use of the Allied armies, despite objections from the French Provisional Government.

Credits advanced by the USSR for these funds will be repaid after the war, the report said.

Finnish Crisis Speeded by Soviet Advance

Soviet advances to the city of Viborg, after the lightning destruction of the new Mannerheim line, were seen as forcing a final crisis on the pro-German Finnish government, with new reports from Stockholm of acute diplomatic activity in Helsinki.

Premier Edwin Linkomies, under whom the Finnish government refused the generous Soviet peace terms in April, was now faced with the fruit of his double gamble on Germany's strength and reactionary, negotiated peace elements in the United States.

On both scores, the Finnish fascists appear to have miscalculated badly. Germany is apparently unable to help Finland any longer in substantial force; the United States, on the other hand, has moved steadily in recent weeks to coordinate its political policy with the Soviet Union's military advance.

Ten days ago the State Department declared that Finland's present government was pro-German. Last Friday, the Finnish minister in Washington, Hjalmar Procope, was given his walking papers for activities "inimical to the interests of the United States."

Whether Washington breaks off with Finland entirely or not, there can be few illusions left in Helsinki.

Fall of Viborg, expected hourly, would clear the way for the 100-mile advance to Helsinki along the southern Finnish coast. As the Herald Tribune pointed out editorially yesterday, the net effect on Germany, and especially her Balkan satellites, would be colossal.

As a result, the present Finnish government will either have to beg for peace, or, more likely, new governmental combinations will take place to appease the popular demand for immediate terms.

Crisis in Vaino Tanner's Social-Democratic Party is particularly likely, since at least a dozen of its leaders, including its former secretary Karl Wiik, have been in jail for opposing Tanner over a year now.

Anti-Hitler Unity Strengthened in Yugoslavia

Conferences between the one-man Yugoslav government-in-exile and Marshal Tito, commander of the Yugoslav Peoples Liberation Army, point to an early unification of all Yugoslav anti-Hitler forces, establishing a precedent for all the Balkans.

Ivan Subasich, Croatian premier of King Peter's government, which now has no ministers left and only a few of its former ambassadors, met with Marshal Tito and other members of his Provisional Government somewhere on Yugoslav soil between June 14 and Jupe 17, it was revealed on Sunday.

No details were announced. But the emphasis on **"mutual efforts toward the strengthening of the fight of the nations of Yugoslavia with the aim of achieving the broadest unity of all national forces"** tells the whole story.

EXAMPLE FOR UNITY

The fact that these efforts were "mutual" means that some agreement will undoubtedly be reached with King Peter's minister.

The use of the term "nations of Yugoslavia" implies full equality for all the Yugoslav peoples, and an end to the "Greater Serb" idea. And "broadest unity of all national forces" speaks for itself.

Thus, Tito's movement, the first that really recaptured large sections of the homeland from the enemy appears to set an example for the liquidation of the governments-in-exile, and cooperation of the best elements in them with the new national leaders at home. If followed consistently, this precedent should help the Greek and Polish situation also.

Willkie World Policy Doesn't Quite Add Up

By JOSEPH STAROBIN

In the seventh article of his admirable series of suggestions to the Republican Party, Wendell Willkie dealt on Sunday with foreign affairs. It will be recalled that the Lord rested on the seventh day, finding the labor of the first six days good. But Willkie persisted on the seventh day and the product does not rank with his other articles.

Willkie still believes that we are living in One World, and that will not please the men who live in Col. Robert McCormick's world, to be sure. But after stressing that, Willkie borrows completely from the liberal critique of the Adminstration a criticism of the Administration's shortcomings on foreign policy.

He obviously is looking beyond the GOP convention itself. He wishes to build a position with the left and liberal elements who are dissatisfied with some of the day-to-day developments of our policy abroad.

UNITED NATIONS COUNCIL

For example, he calls for a council of the United Nations. He attacks the diplomacy of expediency and wants De Gaulle recognized. He seizes on Churchill's remark that the war is less and less a matter of ideologies, but ignores the meat of Churchill's statement, which was made in connection with praise for the Communist leader, Marshal Tito. He bewails our alleged loss of moral leadership in foreign affairs under Mr. Roosevelt. He then goes on to emphasize that the issue of "sovereignty" is absolutely false, as most Republicans use it, that we must have trade reciprocity, long-range economic agreements, currency stabilization and all the other good things.

What does it add up to? The good things in Mr. Willkie will prove unacceptable to the GOP high command. For while he emphasizes that cooperation with our Allies is essential, they are either still debating this matter among themselves, or trying to devise demagogic ways of fooling the public in this respect.

On the other hand, Willkie's bid for liberal support in light of the Administration's shortcomings ignores one fact: **that despite those shortcomings most liberal and progressives support Mr. Roosevelt.**

PRESIDENT'S EFFORT

I do not want to argue on specific matters such as the Administration's policy toward France, or the Council of the United Nations idea. Suppose we grant that Mr. Roosevelt's foreign policy has taken time to evolve, and still has imperfections, which will take time to eradicate. After all, Willike has the freedom to criticize but Roosevelt has the obligation to work out our daily affairs in harmony with all the diverse interests of our Allies.

But even granted everything that Willkie says, the fact remains that it is Mr. Roosevelt who has helped build the great United Nations coalition. It is to Roosevelt that everyone looks for a solution of the knotty jams that the State Department often gets into. It is to Roosevelt in fact that our allies turn when they don't like aspects of our foreign policy.

In other words, none of the alleged shortcomings of the Administration which Willkie enumerates offer any reason for support of the Republicans. Certainly no-one belives that Tom Dewey or Herbert Hoover would clarify our relations with France, or with fighting China, India, Latin America.

Willkie's old dilemma continues to haunt him: the good in him is a sharp criticism of the GOP. As for the rest, we'll take FDR.

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Club Life

By SAMUEL BARRON

(A column devoted to the activities of Communist Political Association clubs and members).

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Stanley Cherubin of Greenwich Village Club, Manhattan, received his medical discharge from the U. S. Army air force ground crew. He was the victim of an accident, and owes his life to a blood transfusion. Stanley knows what this miracle of modern science means. He is devoting himself to seeing to it his former buddies won't lack plasma when they need it. Since his return to the club recently, he has registered 185 blood donors.

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Claremont Club, Bronx, is on the alert for any interracial difficulties that might arise in this Negro and white community. Betty Barrows and Audrey Jones got into a fight at public school. Betty's mother worried about it, began to feel that her white child couldn't possibly get along with Negro children and seriously considered keeping her from school. **Rosa Graham,** Club chairman, and **Helen Sosdian,** member of the executive, visited mothers, explaining that the incident was nothing more than the usual children's squabbles and that the race question didn't enter into it. Betty and Audrey are now good friends again, coming to the club headquarters on Tues. evenings to help the literature director sort and distribute literature and leaflets. The parents themselves got together at Interracial Rally held recently at Bronx House.

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Brighton met D-day in real commando fashion. Various organizations, including **Brighton Manhattan Beach Club,** Brooklyn, marched unitedly through streets, some people going into churches and synagogues for prayer, more than 1,000 marching to rally sponsored by the IWO, at which representatives from all organizations, Treasury, Red Cross and CDVO spoke. Councilmen **Peter V. Cacchione** spoke for the CPA. club. Following night, Brighton Manhattan Beach Club organized its own open air Bond rally on Brighton Beach Ave. & Br. 7 St. **Pete** and **Rev. Elliot White** spoke to several hundred people who bought or pledged $6,000 worth of bonds and stamps.

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Midwood Club, Brooklyn, holds two Back-the-Invasion open air meetings a week for bond sales and blood donor registration. . . . **Chelsea Club** Manhattan, has written a mass song in the evangelist manner, which helped raise $9,000 in pledges starting off the Bond Drive. . . .

Louis Budenz, managing editor, DW, speaking at Brighton Community Center, 3,200 Coney Island Ave., Brooklyn, June 25.

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Mrs. Meta Berger Dies; Anti-Fascist Leader

MILWAUKEE, June 19.—Mrs. Meta Berger, one of the nation's great women, died in her sleep Friday at the age of 71. For 30 years Meta Berger had served as a member of the Milwaukee School Board, setting a national example in her fight for increased educational opportunities for the mass of the people, for the rights of teachers, and for a system of education in accord with the principles of democracy. She played a prominent role in the great fight for woman suffrage that drew national attention to the political and organizational capacity of the many capable women who led that movement to victory.

Some years after the death of her husband Socialist Congressman Victor Berger in 1929, Meta Berger went with a delegation to visit the Soviet Union and came back full of inspiration for the achievements of the Soviet people. She was one of the first to understand the menace of Hitlerism to our country and began to appeal for unity of all anti-fascist forces. She was especially devoted to the cause of Spain and played a prominent role in the North American Committee for Spanish Democracy.

Speaking at a CIO sponsored meeting in 1938, she declared: "I have changed my position on the pacifist movement. For years I thought that disarmament was the solution. In 1917, I faced the department of justice and a penitentiary sentence because of my activities for peace. But there was no Hitler, Mussolini or Franco then. Spain is the most vital spot in the world today. If we block Franco we bloc Mussolini and Hitler."

This activity, as well as her advocacy of the United Front of Socialists and Communists, brought down on her head the wrath of the petty elements who were already beginning to lead the Socialist Party on the road that has resulted today in its degeneration to a treasonous clique. But Mrs. Berger was too great a woman to be swerved from her path by petty sectarians and red-baiters. Four years ago she resigned from the Socialist Party, declaring she found herself "out of sympathy with the inglorious role which the party is playing."

On behalf of the Communist Political Association of Wisconsin, N. Sparks, State President, issue the following statement:

"Mrs. Berger was a great American. Her career was a lifetime of devotion to the working people and to the ideals of good citizenship. Years before the war she understood the menace of Nazism and fought against it. She sought to bring to the American people an understanding of the truth about the Soviet Union and the necessity of friendship between America and Soviet Russia. Her heart was bound up in the cause of victory in this war, and a world of friendship among nations and progress for the great mass of the people."

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The LOW DOWN

Dixie Finally in Slump; Other Roundup Bits

Nat Low

Rounding up all the loose ends around the sports world:

Seventeen-year-old Charley Parker, the Texas High School kid, stretched his string of consecutive wins to 51 on Sunday when he won the A.A.U. National 200-meter title at Randall's Island, coming from behind with a dynamic last ditch plunge that carried him past Eddie Conwell to the tape.

Parker, the hottest thing to come along in track in some time, showed he has the stuff of a champion for he trailed Conwell from the gun and was behind till the very last yards of the race. A tall, wiry youngster, he seems a good bet to hold the 200 meter title for some time although Claude "Buddy" Young of Illinois seems a bit faster in the shorter 100 meter dash.

Young took that one from an unprecedented all-Negro final that included Conwell, Barney Ewell, Herb Thompson, William Mathis and Herb Douglas.

Negro athletes dominated most of the short distance races. Victors, other than Young, were Bob Kelley in the 80 and Elmore Harris in the 200 meter low hurdles and the 400. For good measure, Don Barksdale took the hop, skip and jump.

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Henry Armstrong, that amazing little guy, stayed over Saturday night to make an appearance at the War Bond Carnival at the Polo Grounds which was a splendid success. . . . Henry, continuing his once a week schedule, will fight again tomorrow night in Washington. . . . The combined age of the three Dodger rookie pitchers who appeared in the second game of the Sunday double header with the Phils, Cal McLish, Ralph Branca and Charley Osgood, is 53 years, and about equally divided. Which is some sort of a record, I believe.

Dixie Walker has finally hit his first slump of the year and has fallen below the .400 mark. Dixie managed to get only 3 hits in his last 22 trips to the plate and seems to be sadly in need of a rest. . . . His mark is now at a mere .386. . . .

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Bobby Bragan has done very well at short since the benching of Eddie Basinski moved Ed Stanky over to second. He's not only hitting hard but covering a good deal of ground in a professional manner. Which means that Mickey Owen will be a sweaty slave behind the plate for many more consecutive weeks.

Frank Hayes, Athletics' catcher, is currently the hottest hitter in the majors. He's leading the A.L. in runs batted in with 36 and in homers with 8. He personally murdered the Yanks in the twin bill Sunday.

Weekly Redbird bulletin: The Cardinals are now 7 games in the lead and no let-up in sight.

Lester Rodney, sports editor of the Daily Worker, on leave to the United States Army, has just won his third stripe and is now Sgt. Rodney located "somewhere in the Pacific." . . . Marty Glickman, former Syracuse star and more recently the popular sports announcer is now a Marine Corps lieutenant. . . . Harold Conrad has been honorably discharged from the Army and has resumed his sports writing job with the Brooklyn Eagle. . . . Al Laney, one of the nicer guys in the business, is sports editor pro tem of the Herald Tribune while Stanley "Coach" Woodward lends a hand elsewhere for the duration. . . .

The Adventures of Richard—

'Let's Tatch,' Said Scoopy

By Mike Singer

"Dimme ball," Scoopy demanded at 6:30 in the morning. Richard sleepily stretched out his hand, fiddled around underneath a pile of gloves and stuff on his chair, and came up with a small, dimpled red and blue ball.

"Dat's iddle ball, dimme hard one," Scoopy protested.

Richard streched out his hand once more, sleepily found his baseball and sleepily handed it over.

He tried to resume his dream where he has been rounding second on a homerun. Bang, the ball bounced off his head and rolled onto the floor making hard, clattering sounds. "Tatch, let's tatch," Scoopy urged. Richard, eyes bloodshot, sat up wearily, stretched his arms out automatically. Bang, the ball thrown from a distance of eight inches almost sent him back to unconsciousness. It bounced off his forehead, rolled on the floor, making hard, clattering sounds. "Tatch dood," Scoopy insisted.

"Later, please, Scoopy, it's still dark outside," Richard mumbled.

"No, no, now, tatch ball now," Scoopy wailed and uncorked a wild pitch that caught "A Boy at the Oceanside" and dislodged him from the wall.

I could hear Mr. Grogan in the apartment below, his sleep shattered, his temper frayed, giving off with some solid knocks on the steam pipe. I rushed into Scoopy's room. "See, Mr. Grogan downstairs is angry. You woke him up," I admonished.

"Tatch, daddy, let's tatch," Scoopy's one-track mind monologued. He threw the ball and instinct alone saved me from losing most of my teeth.

"Trow back, trow back," Scoopy yelled.

"Sssh, not so loud," I begged. I threw the ball softly, but it went through Scoopy's arm and sounded like a tank over a cobble-stoned street.

The pipe signals became louder, more persistant.

"Sssh, Scoopy, you're waking up the whole house."

"Make Richard det up, make him tatch too."

Richard protested. Scoopy walloped him a couple of times on the head with the baseball and Richard sat up straight, his pillow covering his head from further punishment.

"All tatch," Scoopy sadistically suggested.

And so it was that at 6:45 yesterday morning; Richard, Scoopy and I had a tatch.

Dickey, Schang, Pennock to Be in War Bond Game

Three former New York Yankee stars, who collectively played on every one of the Bronx Bombers' 14 pennant winners, between 1921 and 1943, will provide a sight probably unparalleled in baseball history when they appear together at the War Bond "Tri-Cornered' baseball game on Monday night (June 26), at the Polo Grounds, Tom Meany, chairman of the Fifth War Loan baseball committee, announced yesterday (Monday).

The trio forming the links of this remarkable chain are Wally Schang, who caught for the Yankee champions of 1921, '22 and '23; Herb Pennock, pitching star of the 1923, '26, '27, '28 and '32 flag winners, and Bill Dickey, the Yankees' great catcher, who was on the flag winners of 1932, '36, '37, '38, '39, '41, '42 and '43.

Three ex-New York Giants stars, Meany also announced, will return to the scene of their former triumphs, Coogan's Bluff, for the bond game. The Giants' representation will be made up of Harold "Moose" McCormick, George "Hooks" Wiltse, and Roger Bresnahan — all stars during the dynasty of John McGraw.

Dickey will travel down to the Polo Grounds from Fort Schuyler, N. Y., where he will be commissioned a naval lieutenant.

Long Home Stand Vital

Yanks Must Start Now to Stay in Race

by Phil Gordon

If the Yankees, once proud monarchs of all they surveyed in the baseball world, are to get back into a position of prominence in this year's flag race, they will have to start in an awful hurry for time's a-wasting.

The home stand the Yanks now are engaged in must be highly successful if they are to regain confidence as well as stay within hailing distance of the league-leading Brownies.

Now in sixth place, five full games behind the pace, the ex-Bombers must start hitting and pitching at the same time.

In dropping a double-header to the A's Sunday they did little of either. Where in the past they had been getting superlative hurling, this day even this failed to come about. Walt Dubiel was no ball of fire losing the first game to Luke Hamlin and Joe Page suddenly came apart at the seams in the nightcap and was banged for six runs in the opening inning to put the Yanks hopelessly behind.

The only bright spot in the picture was the hitting of elongated Johnny Lindell who came through with two doubles in the opener and three singles in the nightcap. Another portent of good things to come was Nick Etten's eighth inning homer—his first in a long, long time. Etten, of course, is the key to the offensive ability of the club. If Nicholas can resume his slugging of last year the Yanks will yet be in the flag fight.

With all the troubles besetting the club, McCarthy still remains unperturbed, however.

He makes changes slowly, hoping for the boys to come around. His latest change, benching Don Savage and placing Ossie Grimes at the hot corner with Mike Milosevich remaining at short. With less ground to cover, Grimes at least can concentrate on getting hits. He has finally upped his average over .200. And Milosevich, with what may be his last chance to play regularly, has perked up. He played flawless ball in the field and even chipped in with three hits in the nightcap.

All in all this home stand must be taken advantage of. If the Yanks can't pick up at least three games on the rest of the league by the time this stand at home comes to an end then their long reign may really have come to a halt—for the duration.

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11 A.M. TO NOON

11:00-WEAF—Road to Life
WOR—News; Talks; Music
WJZ—Breakfast With Breneman
WABC—Honeymoon Hill
11:15-WEAF—Vic and Sade
WABC—Second Husband
11:30-WEAF—Brave Tomorrow
WOR—Pegeen Fitzgerald—Talk
WJZ—News; Baby Institute
WABC—Bright Horizon
11:45-WEAF—David Harum
WOR—Tobe's Topics
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NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:00-WEAF—News; Recorded Music
WJZ—Talk—Dr. Leslie B. Moss
WABC—News; Kate Smith's Chat
12:15-WOR—Musical Appetizer
WJZ—Correspondents Abroad
WABC—Big Sister
12:25-WJZ—News; Farm-Home Hour
12:30-WEAF—Coast Guard Show
WOR—News; Juke Box
WABC—Helen Trent
12:45-WABC—Our Gal Sunday
1:00-WEAF—Mary Margaret McBride
WOR—News; Jack Berch, Songs
WJZ—H. R. Baukhage, News
WABC—Life Can Be Beautiful
1:15-WJZ—Woman's Exchange Show
WABC—Ma Perkins
WMCA—Talk—Frank Kingdon
1:30-WOR—Lopez Orchestra
WABC—Bernardine Flynn, News
1:45-WEAF—Morgan Beatty, News
WOR—American Woman's Jury
WJZ—Little Jack Little, Songs
WABC—The Goldbergs

2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00-WEAF—The Guiding Light
WOR—Talk—Martha Deane
WJZ—News; Walter Kiernan
WABC—Portia Faces Life
2:15-WEAF—Today's Children
WJZ—The Mystery Chef
WABC—Joyce Jordan
2:30-WEAF—Woman in White
WOR—News; Consumer Quiz
WJZ—Ladies, Be Seated
WABC—Young Dr. Malone
2:45-WEAF—Hymns of All Churches
WABC—Peary Mason
3:00-WEAF—A Woman of America
WOR—The Black Castle
WJZ—Morton Downey, Songs
WABC—Mary Marlin
3:15-WEAF—Ma Perkins
WOR—Success Stories
WJZ—Hollywood Star Time
WABC—News—Bob Trout
WMCA—Broadway—Ethel Colby
3:30-WEAF—Pepper Young
WOR—Dr. Eddy's Food Forum
WJZ—Appointment With Life
WABC—Now and Forever
WABC—The Jubalaires, Songs
4:00-WEAF—Backstage Wife
WOR—Talk—John Gambling
WJZ—Ethel and Albert
WABC—Broadway Matinee
WMCA—News; Elton Britt, Songs
4:15-WEAF—Stella Dallas
WJZ—Don Norman Show
4:30-WEAF—Lorenzo Jones
WOR—Full Speed Ahead
WJZ—News—Westbrook Van Voorhis
4:45-WEAF—Young Widder Brown
WJZ—Sea Hound
3:45-WEAF—Right to Happiness
WABC—Scott Orchestra
5:00-WEAF—When a Girl Marries
WOR—Uncle Don
WJZ—Terry and the Pirates
WABC—Eddie Dunn Show

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11:30-12 P.M., WOR—Sinfonietta, directed by Alfred Wallenstein
12 P.M.-1 A.M., WEVD—Symphonic Hour

5:15-WEAF—We Love and Learn
WOR—Chick Carter
WJZ—Dick Tracy
5:30-WEAF—Just Plain Bill
WOR—Adventures of Tom Mix
WJZ—Jack Armstrong
WABC—Bob Trout, Major George Fielding Eliot, News
WMCA—News; Sports Talk
5:45-WEAF—Front-Page Farrell
WOR—Superman
WJZ—Captain Midnight
WABC—Wilderness Road

6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

6:00-WEAF—News Reports
WOR—Sydney Moseley, News
WJZ—News; John B. Kennedy
WABC—Quincy Howe, News
6:15-WEAF—Serenade to America
WOR—The Invasion Show
WJZ—Hop Harrigan
WABC—Edwin C. Hill, News
6:30-WOR—News; Frank Singiser
WJZ—Whose War Is This?
WABC—Jeri Sullavan, Songs
WMCA—World News Round-up
6:35-WJZ—America Marches
6:40-WEAF—Sports—Bill Stern
6:45-WEAF—Lowell Thomas
WOR—Sports—Stan Lomax
WJZ—Henry J. Taylor—News
WABC—The World Today—News
WMCA—Talk—Frank Kingdon
6:55-WABC—Joseph C. Harsch, News
7:00-WEAF—Johnny Mercer Show
WOR—Bill Cunningham, News
WJZ—Let Yourself Go
WABC—Fifth War Loan Program
7:15-WEAF—News—Robert St. John
WABC—Passing Parade
WMCA—Five-Star Final
7:30-WEAF—Dick Haymes, Songs
WOR—Arthur Hale, News
WJZ—Diane, the Jesters, Songs
WABC—Concert Orchestra
WMCA—Johannes Steel, News
7:45-WOR—The Answer Man
WJZ—Don't You Believe It
8:00-WEAF—Ginny Simms, Songs
WOR—Frank Singiser, News
WJZ—News Comments
WABC—Big Town
8:15-WOR—Nick Carter
WJZ—Lum and Abner
8:30-WEAF—A Date With Judy
WOR—Pick and Pat Time
WJZ—Duffy's Tavern
WABC—Judy Canova, Comedy
8:55-WABC—Bill Henry, News

9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00-WEAF—Eddie Cantor, Comedy
WOR—Gabriel Heatter, News
WJZ—Famous Jury Trials
WABC—Jack Pepper Show
9:15-WOR—Screen Test
WMCA—Richard Eaton—Talk
9:30-WEAF—Fibber McGee and Molly
WOR—American Forum
WJZ—Spotlight Band
WABC—The Doctor Fights—Play, with Raymond Massey
9:55-WJZ—Short Story
10:00-WEAF—Charlotte Greenwood Show
WJZ—Raymond Gram Swing
WABC—Norman Corwin Show
10:15-WOR—Paul Schubert, News
WJZ—Ilene Woods, Songs
10:30-WEAF—Hildegarde, Songs; Others
WOR—The Symphonette
WJZ—Creeps By Night—Play
WABC—The Land Is Bright
WMCA—Frank Kingdon, News
WMCA—Bing Crosby Records
11:00-WEAF, WOR—News; Music
WJZ—News; Music
11:15-WJZ—Chester Bowles—Talk
11:30-WEAF—Words at War
WOR—Sinfonietta Music
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Literary Lookout

The Horror and Terror of Her Age Is in Anna Seghers New Book

By Samuel Putnam

Certain of my acquaintances who have read Anna Seghers' latest novel, Transit (Little, Brown & Company, $2.50) have made what impresses me as being an irrelevant, if indeed not a meaningless comment on the book, to the effect that it is "not another 'Seventh Cross'." Not another "Seventh Cross"! Just how many masterpieces like "The Seventh Cross" do they expect one author to produce? For the matter of that, how many times in a literary generation, or in a century, do we get a work of fiction of such tremendous power, one so throbbing with the very pulse-beat of human life and the agony of man in the grip of savage forces?

Naturally, "Transit" is not a "Seventh Cross." It is not intended to be. It is as if the author, having made a supreme effort to put into creative form all the barbarous cruelty, all the horror and the terror of her age had permitted herself to relax somewhat for a moment as she tells another story which, dealing with the same epoch and grim enough in its implications, seems at times almost like high comedy in contrast to its predecessor.

It is not comedy, however, but tragedy still, even though "Transit" may make lighter reading in spots than any to be found in "The Seventh Cross." If we could forget the latter book, or the fact that Miss Seghers is the author of it, I think we should find the present novel to be a powerful and a finished production, an outstanding one in comparison with the best work that is being done in this field today.

This makes the third of Anna Seghers' tales that I have read, the others being "The Seventh Cross" and (in German) "The Path through February" (Der Weg durch den Februar); and the impression that I get is that of an artist of unfaltering skill and of extraordinary depth and strength of psychologic perception and social awareness. Above all, I get the impression of a writer, a story teller, who comes of the people and derives her strength from them, and who accordingly is in a position to portray their sorrows and their sufferings in an era such as this as few novelists in any age have been able to do.

THE MANY SIDEDNESS OF ANNA SEGHERS

In "Transit" we behold yet another phase of her manifold talent: her gift of irony—a biting irony which is likewise of the people, which they are not always able to put into words, but for which the true people's artist finds superb expression. With a scene laid in Marseilles, France, and dealing with the refugee victims of Hitler persecution in search of visas, passports, residence permits, cards of identity, steamship tickets, and the like, the author with bitter sarcasm paints for us a complacent officialdom that is cruelly unconcerned with human lives and destinies.

Now and again the irony almost assumes the guise of a sad, embittered humor that recalls the old saying: it would be funny, if it weren't so tragic. There is, however, nothing humorous about it; it is merely Miss Seghers' deft touch relieving and making endurable the somberness of a mood that is none too easy to sustain throughout the pages of a full-length novel.

There is a love story, too, of a most unusual sort, which in the hands of a less expert narrator would have been unconvincing, but which lives for us here.

There is a moral to "Transit" which the author does not point, but which I think should not be overlooked, and that is the need of a free port or ports for Europe's refugees and the urgent necessity of cutting through all the red tape which prevents or retards our saving these unfortunate ones. This should have been done long ago. As Miss Seghers' story suggests, it is too late to save many of them now, but we must still do all that we can.

Meanwhile, the democracies well may blush for the inhuman callousness of some of their official representatives.

—PLAYS—

Entertaining Vaudeville

By Ralph Warner

It's pleasant to report for a change that an entertaining vaudeville bill is in town. Take a Bow makes no pretensions—it's some place to stop after you've tried to buy tickets for Oklahoma! and have failed.

Oldtimers abound in its list of entertainers. . . . First and foremost is himself, the Pat Rooney, doing his soft shoe routine once more in this, his fiftieth year on the stage. Chico Marx is back with new piano routines which are really old, but still good. And Jay C. Flippen is the untalkative, smiling master of ceremonies.

Most of the fun is supplied by a very funny man. Gene Sheldon, who pops in and out with racy pantomine and much talent. He's an old-timer from the Palace Theatre days, too.

The show is strong musically—two veterans, Cross and Dunn, sing in the good old style. A youthful trio of clever comedienne-singers, the Murtah sisters, stop the show.

Then there's magic from Think-a-Drink Hoffman, ball room dancing by Mary Raye and Naldi, and acrobatics by the amazing Whitson brothers.

Add to this dancers and show girls, good lookers picked by producer Lou Walters, impressario of the Latin Quarter and you have a show which will pass a muggy evening in the air-cooled Broadhurst Theatre. That's Take a Bow.

TAKE A BOW, a variety revue, staged by Wally Wanger, dances directed by Marjery Fielding. Costumes by Ben Wallace and Madame Berthe, settings by Kaj Velden. Presented by Lou Walters at the Broadhurst Theatre on June 16, 1944.

A Comedy in Bad Taste

Not for years has an established theatrical producer launched a play in June. Gilbert Miller's mid-month offering, For Keeps, is designed for hot weather entertainment. But it's questionable whether F. Hugh Herbert's comedy is hot or entertaining enough.

Certainly the love story of a 15-year-old example of jail bait and a good-looking, dull photographer's model is in not very good taste. Nancy Vandal's father has had four wives, her mother two. The child drinks martinis, reads Lady Chatterly's Lover in the unexpurgated, and otherwise acts like a sophisticated chippie. Her photographer, the $1,000-a-plate photographer, is a boorish tyrant. Mr. Herbert, who wrote the engaging Kiss or Tell, has descended into the inferno of profanity and what passes for chitchat in club society.

To this wasted effort, Mr. Gilbert has donated a satisfying Sovey decorated and redecorated interior, exquisite Hattie Carnegie clothes and some actors, plus his father's lovely theatre. There ought to be a law. . . .

For Keeps is notable for the debut of Patricia Kirkland, daughter of Nancy Carroll and Jack Kirkland, in the leading role. The little lady does all right—she's on her way. Julie Warren is blondish as her step-mother. Frank Conroy plays the father as if counting the house.

Best bit in the play is a swipe at the Daily News and the Hearst papers by a languid furniture mover. Worst is the gutter language of the child vampire.

Gilbert Miller should have known better. R. W.

FOR KEEPS, by F. Hugh Herbert. Settings by Raymond Sovey. Staged and presented by Gilbert Miller at Henry Miller's Theatre on June 15, 1944.

Photo League Summer School

Well known editors and photographers, who specialize in the photo feature story, free-lancing, newspaper photos, photography for the trade union press, and so on, will conduct a photo journalism class at the Photo League School, Summer Term. The first session, at which Alfred Eisenstaedt of "Life" will lead the discussion on the magazine picture story, is scheduled for July 13 at the League headquarters, 31 East 21st Street.

A Basic Photography Course is also offered. This course will be conducted by Al Taylor, and will hold its first session July 10.

Further information and school catalog can be obtained by writing to the Photo League or calling WA 9-3864.

At the Academy

Uncertain Glory, co-starring Errol Flynn and Paul Lukas, now is at the Skouras Academy of Music Theatre, 14 St. at Irving Pl.

Tuesday's Calendar

DRAMA

Love on Leave. A comedy by A. comedy by A. B. Shifrin. At the Hudson Theatre.

MUSIC

Lewisohn Stadium Concert: Beethoven's Leonore Overture No. 3; Symphony No. 2 in D; Sibelius' En Saga; Delius' Prelude, Irmelian Tchaikovsky's Francesca da Rimini.

Goldman Band. Prospect Park.

'Wake Island' and Starobin Wed. Night

Joseph Starobin, Foreign Editor of the Daily Worker will be the commentator for Paramount's Wake Island which the Daily Worker Film Dept. will show at Tom Mooney Hall, 13 Astor Pl. tomorrow night, 8:30. This is the final program in the series of eight films with commentators on the Rise of the American Nation.

Toscanini Rallies Behind Bond Drive

Rallying to Uncle Sam's Fifth War Loan endeavor, Arturo Toscanini is interrupting his vacation to conduct the NBC Symphony Orchestra in two Treasury Department concerts on the General Motors Symphony of the Air Sunday, June 25 and Sunday, July 2 (NBC, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.).

The maestro has donated his services and General Motors has allocated the two full-hour periods for the War Bond broadcast which will originate in Radio City's Studio 8-H. Frank Black, regular conductor of the Spring and Summer Series, will return to the NBC Symphony podium Sunday, July 9.

Prominent speakers, yet to be announced, will present the War Bond appeals on each broadcast.

Metro Basso Sings At Army Camp

Enzio Pinza, leading basso of the Metropolitan Opera Company, will today give a volunteer performance under the auspices of USO-Camp Shows for the men at Fort Monmouth, N. J. Mr. Pinza has been called "the greatest singing actor of his generation."

On the same program with Enzio Pinza, will be Vivian Della Chiesa, distinguished lyric soprano of the Chicago Opera Company.

These distinguished artists will sing with the Fort Monmouth Symphonic Band.

—MOVIES—

The Robust Humor of Durante

By Frank Antico

The robust and extravagant humor of Jimmy Durante charges Two Girls and a Sailor with comic lightning, and the lovable madman's thunderbolts keep everybody scurrying along at an entertaining pace. Some day, in quieter times, a budding Ph.D. will prepare a thesis on "Durante and the Dicadoo: A Study In Spontaneous Combustion." Meanwhile, we shall all continue laughing our heads off without reason, grateful that our generation too has produced a Cyrano.

When Jimmy is not around, the picture goes about its familiar business of fitting a galaxy of stars into the capacious folds of a plot about two sisters, young and beautiful daughters of the theatre, who fall in love with a sailor, who just happens to be a millionaire on the side. While the Navy man is making up his mind as to which of the sisters hits the jackpot, a pleasant bit of business about a serviceman's canteen is introduced into the picture and a host of entertainers drifts in and out in a lively procession. Luckily, the film for the greater part eschews the pretentious, and the informality of the staging of the canteen scenes gives you the feeling of participation in a jive jamboree.

The soldiers, sailors and marines in the cast act as though they're having a good time in the company of the friendly and vivacious Deyo sisters (Gloria DeHaven and June Allyson) and the young man with the horn (Harry James). Van Johnson, the gob with the sixty million bucks, is an easy-going actor who also helps things along by falling for the right sister.

Others who add to the fun are Lena Horne, singing Paper Doll; and Xavier Cugat with his Americanized Latin music. On the doubtful side of the shinding are the contributions of Gracie (Burns &) Allen and Albert (London Symphony) Coates, who join in a burlesque concerto, and of Jose Iturbi, whose display of "Spanish" temperament might very well lead Jimmy Durante to rasp: "It's humiliatin', folks, and I'm mortified! Everybody wants to get into the act." The Magic Schnozzola will inform you, with a sniff of disdain that "either you got it or either you ain't." Well, Jimmy's got it, and be sure lets you have it.

TWO GIRLS AND A SAILOR, MGM film starring Jimmie Durante, Lena Horne, Harry James, Van Johnson, Xavier Cugat, Jose Iturbi, Albert Coates. At the Capitol.

'Deadline at Dawn' Next Odets Film

Clifford Odets and Harold Clurman will collaborate on the screenplay of RO Radio's Deadline at Dawn, which Clurman will direct. This reunites the pair largely responsible for the success of the Group Theatre of which Clurman was founder and for which Odets authored many of his best plays.

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Late Bulletins

Destroy 300 Tokio Planes in Saipan Blow

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, June 19 (UP).—American warships and planes, in the greatest air battle of the Pacific war, have destroyed more than 300 Japanese planes which attacked the United States task force supporting the troops on Saipan in the Marianas Islands, Adm. Chestef W. Nimitz announced today.

While the American ground forces were winning a major victory of their own by capturing the big Aslito airdrome at the southern end of Saipan and pushing across to seize the western shore of Magicienne Bay at the southeast corner of the island, the warships and planes in a blazing fight, hours long, were hurling back the attacks of enemy aircraft of all sorts. Aslito is only four hours flying time from Tokio.

It was believed that some of the Japanese planes were carrier based, and that they used airdromes such as those on Rota and Guam, south of Saipan, as bases for shuttle attacks.

Nimitz in his report of the battle, said that information now available indicates that only one American surface craft was damaged in the engagement and that damage to it was minor. No estimate was yet available of American plane losses.

Coffee Urges Break With Spain

WASHINGTON, June 19 (UP).—Rep. John M. Coffee (D-Wash) today demanded that the United States break with Spain in a resolution introduced in the House. Coffee described the Franco regime as "Nazi-Falangist" and urged that this government give all possible aid to the "Republican guerilla armies" now opposing Franco.

Coffee hailed leaders of the Spanish resistance movement and said the anti-Franco underground is "fighting our battle in Spain."

Allies Tighten Mogaung Grip

SOUTHEAST ASIA HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon, June 19 (UP).—Clamping a tight pincers on Mogaung, one of the last two remaining Japanese bastions in Northern Burma, Chinese troops have driven to the north bank of the monsoon - swollen Mogaung River across from the town, which also is threatened by Chindits entrenched in a village immediately to the east, a Southeast Asia Command announced today.

The only escape route left for the enemy garrison was southwestward along the railroad to Mandalay, which has been cut at many points by Allied air attacks

Japanese Threaten Hengyang

CHUNGKING, June 19 (UP).—Dispatches from Hunan Province said tonight that Japanese troops pushing southward from besieged Changsha had driven to within 50 miles of Hengyang, at the junction of the Hankow-Canton and Hunan-Kwangsi railroads.

The battle for Changsha, meanwhile, reached a new peak of intensity, with the enemy launching repeated assaults yesterday on all sides of the city, all of which were repulsed. Some of the fiercest fighting took place on the northern and western slopes of Youl Mountain, guarding the Hunan Province capital from the west.

A Sergeant and a Private Encircle an Encirclement

CARENTAN, France, June 19 (UP).—For more than four hours Sgt. Jake Williamson, of Winnfield, La., and Pvt. Willis Gonser, of Rome City, Ind., battled a detachment of German troops on what started out to be a routine "reconnaissance mission." And they came through the battle without a scratch.

When the sergeant and the private started their "look-see" movement they spotted a group of U. S. tanks in a pasture. They didn't know the tanks were encircled by German guns. Just as they started toward the pasture, they found themselves in a hail of anti-tank and machinegun fire.

Both dived into a ditch. Williamson put into action a tommygun and Gonser put a new clip in his carbine. Across the field was a hedgerow and behind it were Germans, themselves armed with rifles and machine-guns.

Shells whistled over their heads and machine-gun and rifle bullets spat into the ground around them. Tanks in the field were shattered before their eyes.

The sergeant and the private, peering through the thin growth of grass at the edge of the ditch, saw an infantry outfit moving in. They had been called by the tank commander.

The Germans thought an encirclement movement was underway and fled. Dozens of the Nazi troops ran madly — directly toward the ditch where the sergeant and the private were hidden. Up came the machinegun—up came the carbine.

"We fired into them until our guns got too hot to hold," Williamson said. "It was like shooting ducks.

"I fired 750 rounds with my machinegun and Gonser emptied his carbine. The Germans were about 200 yards from us and we got at least 50 of them. We could see the tracer bullets thudding home."

An American soldier stands guard over a big gun that once defended the French coast as part of the Nazi Atlantic Wall. Allied naval and artillery smashed the fortress and laid out its Nazi crew, whose bodies are seen in the lower right.

The Veteran Commander

PAYOFF IN FINLAND

THE Red Army has captured Koivisto which is a maritime fortress forming the western anchor of the Mannerheim Line. Having taken Koivisto (Bjoerkoe) the Red Army has emerged on the southeastern shore of the Bay of Viborg and has outflanked the central key-point of the Mannerheim Line—Summa. Further east the Red Army has captured the railhead of Valkjaervi which fed the Line and has pushed north to reach Lake Vuoksi at Oravaniemi (not to be confused with Rovaniemi which is on the Arctic highway from the head of the Gulf of Bothnia to Petsamo).

We can offer no prophecies to those who want to know whether Viborg will be taken in time for the third anniversary of the German-Soviet war, June 22.

We can remind them of the schedule of the Soviet-Finnish war of 1940:

Koivisto was surrounded on Feb. 18. It was taken on Feb. 20. Kemere on the approaches to Viborg was taken on Feb. 28. The Red Army was in the outskirts of Viborg on March 1. The railroad station was taken on March 2. Soviet marines landed on the western shoe of the Bay of Viborg on March 4. Finland capitulated on March 12. So here you are.

Remember, though, that the march over the frozen lakes and marshes of the isthmus was easier in winter than it is now. On the other hand, the Baltic Fleet then could not give the Red Army the support it can give it now. This is perhaps the reason why the Soviet Command is "weighting" the offensive on the left flank, close to the shore of the gulf. Also remember that a terrible snowstorm raged over the isthmus between Feb. 20 and 27, 1940, which probably accounts for the delay in operations between the capture of Koivisto and the entry into Viborg.

In any case, it appears like the payoff in Finland. However, it is quite prossible that in desperation, the Finnish government will continue to resist even after the fall of Viborg. Remember that seven German divisions are still in Finland, even if they only "hold the Finns' coats" for the present.

THE Cotentin Peninsula has been cut off and the German efforts to break out of the trap have been beaten off. For the present Allied efforts must perforce be concentrated on widening and strengthening the ring around Cherbourg. It was a masterly stroke by our Ninth Division when it broke through to the Atlantic and at the same time was able to offer stout resistance to the enemy's counterattacks against its exposed right flank. This was a flank-march in the best tradition. In the other sectors of the front there were no spectacular changes.

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IN ITALY the Germans continue to flee northward. Gen. Alexander is pushing his left flank hard in the hope of entrapping Kesselring's divisions by cutting across the peninsula to the Adriatic, but the "rats in the sewer" are too fast for him and he has trouble maintaining so much as light contact with them. The trap will hardly work, unless a landing is made in the Ligurian Gulf or in the Adriatic.

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THE German "bumble-bombs" are creating serious unpleasantness. Of this there is no doubt. However, it is now clear that they are practically "un-aimable" and can be used only for area bombing. Just the equivalent of a lot of big guns with a long range and worn-out barrels.

This is a weapon of desperation. It cannot be decisive, but does have a serious nuisance value. Generally speaking, an army which starts using all sorts of robot gadgets (planes, tanks) is an army which is short of good, trained men.

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(HOLY HORRORS DEPARTMENT: Our friend and colleague Capt. S. N. Kournakoff called us up on Sunday and told us—screamed would be more appropriate—that a very serious misprint had found its way into his article in The Worker of June 18. **The figures on lend-lease to the USSR should have read "12,000 planes," NOT "45,000 planes."** He asked us to make the correction, so that our readers would get it quickly.)